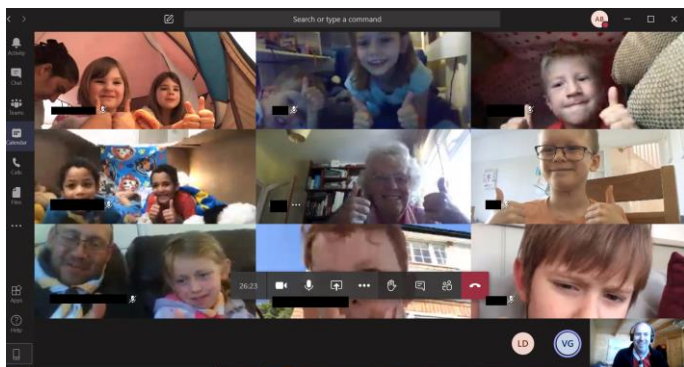


Annual Report and Accounts FY2019/20 Welcome



Welcome to our Annual Report and Accounts for 2019/20.

Albeit this report reflects our operation over the FY2019/20, it would not be complete without a summary of what has happened over the last 6-months.

In March 2020, the Group, as with all organisations had to stop face-to-face meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This pushed the Group as with many charitable organisations into some of the most turbulent times we have all experienced in generations.

All of us had to adapt to the new circumstances, and our inability to be together. For many of us, we had to deal with the pressures of home schooling while also working, and we all had to cope without the support of friends and family. Our youth members had to cope with the loss of the routine of school, and the interaction with their friends and loved ones. The impact on the mental health of an entire generation is only now starting to be understood.

We quickly recognised the need to do something, and we were pleased to be able to offer a small contribution in weekly virtual meetings being run through-out lockdown, and over the easter holidays. During these short 30-minute meetings, it enabled us to continue to provide contact with our members, allow them to have

social interaction with their friends, have fun and learn new skills. Meetings included cooking, gardening, easter egg hunts, and a virtual sleepover. We are extremely grateful to all the parents who supported our members to attend these meetings, under very difficult circumstances.

We are please to have been able to offer these meetings, which on reflection have helped to maintain the viability of the Group.

In August following extensive planning, and work at Scout Ridge to make it COVID secure, we were able to return to face-to-face Scouting activities. Our continued contact with our members and quick face-to-face restart means that our Beaver and Cub sections have grown since before lockdown. I'd like to thank the entire leadership team and the Board of Trustees for their support, without whom, none of this would have been possible.

In the year ahead we have a lot to look forward to, but we still have significant challenges to face, including the possibility of a return to some form of lockdown.

Our sections are in significant need of additional regular adult support to continue to operate. This reflects changes in leadership as a consequence of the impact of COVID-19, impending retirement of a number of our leadership team, as well the impact of needing more adults due to the nature of operating Bubbles under COVID-19 restrictions.

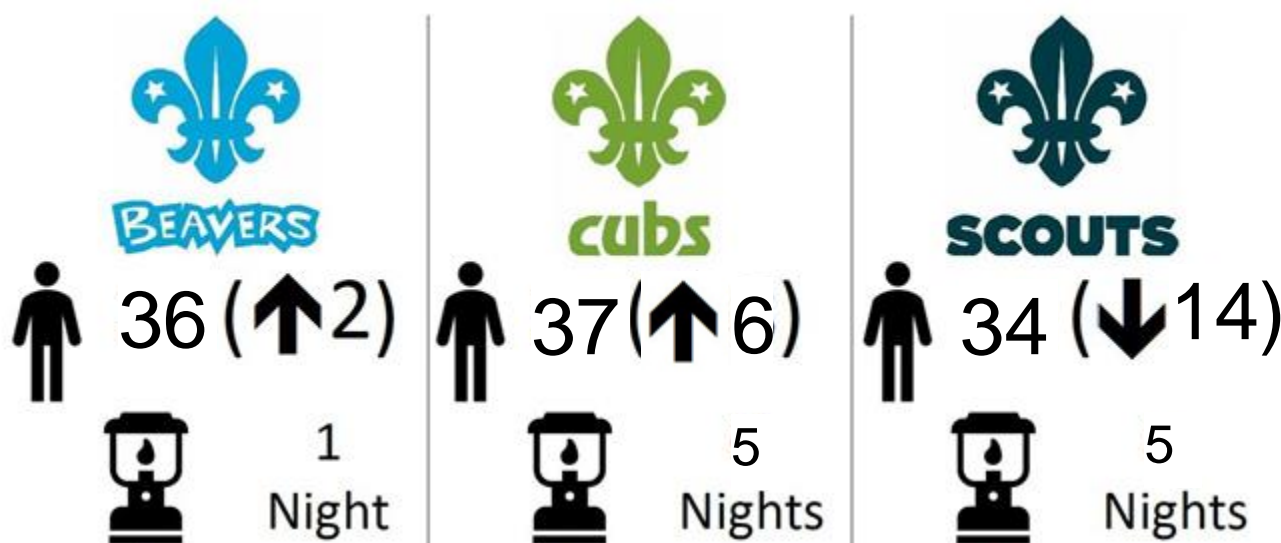
A number of our sections are limited to operating a single bubble of 15 members, due to lack of adult support. We have seen a continued surge in membership requests and are currently operating a waiting list. A number of our leadership team are supporting multiple sections to keep us running, which is not a sustainable position in which to operate. If you think you can spare some time, and would like to get involved, please get in touch, and I'd be pleased to explain what is involved.

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Member Numbers and Nights Away

The following illustrates the number of youth members in our sections at the time of our annual census at the end of January 2020, and how this compares to the same time last year. We have also provided an indication of the number of nights away experiences we were able to offer.



Our Scout numbers are down on last year, as a bulk of our membership had reached the age where they have moved on to Explorers. Since our return to face-to-face scouting we have seen a significant surge in membership requests. Our Beaver and Cub numbers have grown further by 10 members, with more on the waiting list.

Adventurous Activity and Nights Away Permits

The following illustrates the total number of adults we have trained in different adventurous activities, and those trained to run nights away experiences.



Board of Trustees

In these extraordinary times, the 3rd Banstead Scout Group Board of Trustees continues to oversee the financial security of the Group and the maintenance of Scout Ridge buildings and grounds on behalf of our young people.

The year began on a high note with the fundraising target being met to purchase our new minibus. The right vehicle was found, the order placed, the 3rd Banstead Scouts livery for the sides ordered and then.....

In March we heard the news of Coronavirus and the inevitable suspension of face to face meetings for our young people. The Board of Trustees moved into action to arrange closure of Scout Ridge but continued to provide maintenance and security for our site. The Group's finances were obviously another concern and grants were secured to keep us in the black. We were really pleased that Adam as GSL and many of our leaders were able to keep contact with the young people going with virtual meetings.

As lockdown eased slightly we were able to arrange delivery of the minibus and it is now securely parked at Scout Ridge with a cover to keep it looking shiny and ready to support future group activities when we are able to do so.

With further easing of lockdown requirements, we now find ourselves able to support outdoor meetings and some indoor activities for the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at Scout Ridge. More work has been done to arrange hygiene and safety features at the Ridge as well as risk assessments to make these activities as safe as possible for young people and leaders alike. The first of these meetings took place in August and this term will see face to face meetings become the norm. We are not back to normal operations but we will continue to work towards this aim.

If you would be interested in helping the Executive, please get in touch by email to our secretary Tina at membership@3rdbanstead.co.uk.

The Year Ahead

In the year ahead we have a lot to look forward to, but we still have significant challenges to face, including the possibility of a return to some form of lockdown.

Having successfully returned to face-to-face scouting activities, we are keen to keep the momentum up, and in the last week have been able to hold meetings indoors. We have completed risk assessments and work at Scout Ridge to allow us to use the indoor facilities in a COVID secure way. This will be essential as the weather worsens over the winter period. Some of these changes are temporary in nature, with a requirement to think about more permanent solutions.

We are looking for new and inventive ways of running activities which are COVID secure. We have already done this with both Archery / Angel throwing and will also be running climbing sessions over the winter term. If you have any ideas on activities you would like to suggest, please get in touch.

Our primary challenge is having enough regular adult support to continue to operate. This reflects changes in leadership as a consequence of the impact of COVID-19, impending retirement of a number of our leadership team, as well the impact of needing more adults due to the nature of operating Bubbles under COVID-19 restrictions. Our immediate priority is to find additional adult support for Huron Colony (Mondays) and Oak Pack (Tuesdays). All of our other sections also require support; however, these are the two in most immediate need.

We will have to wait and see how things develop, but we hope to be able to run some nights away experiences next year if the guidance at the time allows. Under normal circumstances we would be publishing a diary of activities for the year ahead, however, with high levels of uncertainty we are currently presented with, we will have to remain agile.



Cubs having trampoline fun!



Scouts camping out at Summer Camp 2019



The end of a successful weekend

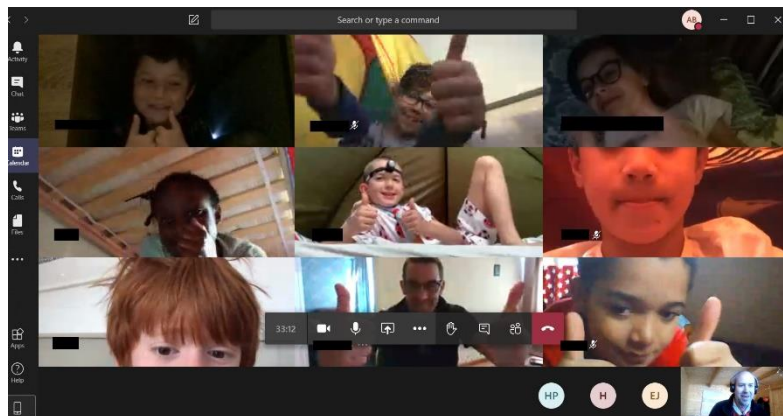


Back Woods cooking at Park Farm

Camp fire at Cub Camp 2019



Scouts Climbing at Scout Ridge



Virtual Sleepover for the Cubs during Lockdown



Beavers visit Epsom Fire Station – and get a bit wet in the process!



All Saints Church filled for our annual Carol Service



Warhammer building and games for the Scouts



Zip Wire !!!!!!!



A visit from Hillary and Aida the Guide Dog



Financial Review

The purpose of the Group is consistent with that of the Scout Association and is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Groups.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

The accounts have been drawn up by Nicholas Lee (Group Treasurer) on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with previous years.

The accounts have been audited by Neil Bridges as an Independent Examiner. The Group would like to thank Neil Bridges for this.

Financial Results

As far as the main bank accounts are concerned, we began the year with £18,528 and at 31 March 2020 we closed the year at £14,672, plus an additional £802 held by the Sections. Total funds were therefore £15,474 compared with £19,325 at the beginning of our financial year. A key reason behind the decrease in funds was the payment of £9,885 as deposit for the new minibus – the purchase of which was completed after the year-end.

Receipts

Our main income falls into 5 categories

- a. Subscriptions. Subscriptions recognised in the current year totaled £11,681 (including Section funds) – and our total payment out to HQ, District and County was £6,284 – representing 105 members (down by 9 compared to the prior year). The balance is used mainly to maintain and insure Scout Ridge, covering utilities, rates and cleaning costs.
- b. Premises. As you probably know we allow our premises and equipment to be enjoyed by other users, resulting in additional donations of £2,056. (2019: £3,060).
- c. Fundraising. £2,136 was raised through the Rotary Club Xmas collections which has been allocated the minibus fund. £250 of the Christmas collection has been allocated to the Explorers for their support to the collections (with the transfer being performed this financial year). A further £483 was raised by the Village Day BBQ. Thank you to everyone who organised and participated in these events.
- d. The Gift Aid tax rebates received in the year totalled £1,163, with the move to online subscriptions greatly facilitating the gift aid claim process. Thank you to all those who have checked the box – enabling the Group to reclaim income tax on your subscription payments.
- e. Grants/Sponsorship/Donations. The Group received a grant £3,000 from Surrey County Council towards the cost of purchasing a new minibus, plus a further £500 from the Rotary Club of Banstead, £500 from Sir Francis Drake Masonic Lodge and £1,000 from its participation in the Asda Burgh Heath Green Token Scheme. Coupled with donations from a number of individuals, the group met its fund-raising target and was able to complete the purchase of a new vehicle in the Spring. Our gratitude is extended to all those who supported this.

Payments

1. Rates and utilities including broadband totalling £2,074 and premises maintenance costs of £3,742, and premises / contents insurance of £2,217 are the major expenses
2. As noted above, the Group paid a deposit of £9,885 for the purchase of the new minibus - being 50% of the total cost. The balance was paid upon delivery of the vehicle in June 2020.

After excluding the balance payable in respect of the new minibus purchase, our cash reserve (excluding Section funds) stood at £4,797.

As highlighted in previous years, membership subscriptions alone are not sufficient to meet the day to day running costs of the group, and we remain highly dependent on donations, sponsorship, grants, fundraising and your Gift Aid in order to meet the financial commitments of maintaining our fantastic facilities and meeting our District, County and HQ obligations.

It should be noted that the accounts for the group do not yet reflect the impact that Covid19 has had on the Group's ability to raise funds, whether through membership subscriptions, fundraising or donations arising from the use of the equipment or premises. However, I am pleased to confirm that the group has received a grant of £10,000 from Reigate and Banstead Borough Council through the business rate payers scheme launched in response to the pandemic, and we have also received 100% business rates relief for the 2020 – 2021 financial year. This support has enabled the group to meet the additional costs of premises improvements, to ensure that the facilities are Covid-19 safe for a return to face-to-face meetings.

Reserves

As of 30 September 2020, the Group's cash reserves stand at approximately £12,800 – which means that the Group will be able to undertake the changes to our facilities to ensure they are COVID secure and meet all of its financial commitments for at least the next 12 months until more normal activities can resume.

Risks

The Trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed. They have reviewed these and established systems to mitigate them.

Accounts

The accounts are broken down into two sections as presented in the proceeding pages:

- Section A: Receipts and payments, and
- Section B: Statement of assets and liabilities.

Section A Receipts and payments

3rd Banstead Scout Group | Charity No: 305687



For the period from	1-Apr-19	To	31-Mar-20
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Receipts	General funds	Section funds	Total funds	Last year
Donation Legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	10,709	973	11,682	12,707
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	6,284	-	6,284	6,646
Net membership subscriptions retained	4,424	973	5,397	6,061
Donations	3,234	10	3,244	1,371
Sponsorship	550	-	550	550
Gift Aid	1,163	-	1,163	1,940
Sub total	9,371	983	10,354	9,922
Grants				
Surrey County Council - Minibus Grant	3,000	-	3,000	-
National Lottery Minibus Fund	-	-	-	10,000
Sub total	3,000	-	3,000	10,000
Fundraising (gross)				
Rotary Christmas Collections	2,136	-	2,136	1,992
Village Day BBQ	483	-	483	434
Quiz night	-	-	-	506
Sub total	2,619	-	2,619	2,427
Premises/Equipment Hire	2,056	-	2,056	3,060
Family Camp 2018	-	-	-	1,080
Scout Camp 2018	-	-	-	2,550
Snowdonia Hike	-	-	-	520
Cub Camp 2017	493	-	493	-
Cub Camp 2019	554	-	554	-
Group Camp 2019	68	-	68	3,015
Summer Camp 2019	1,015	-	1,015	-
Bazazz	90	-	90	580
Somme 2019	1,125	-	1,125	800
Other activities	116	60	176	84
Sub total	5,518	60	5,578	11,689
Other Income				
Badges	-	14	14	12
Scarves/Ties/T-shirts/Woggles	197	7	204	437
Investitures	-	60	60	110
Sub total	197	81	278	559
Investment income				
Bank interest	17	-	17	3
Sub total	17	-	17	3
Total Gross Income	20,723	1,124	21,847	35,105
Asset and investment sales etc.	220	-	220	-
Total Receipts	20,943	1,124	22,067	35,105

Section A Receipts and payments



3rd Banstead Scout Group | Charity No: 305687

For the period from	1-Apr-19	To	31-Mar-20
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Payments	General funds	Section funds	Total funds	Last year
Minibus deposit	9,885	-	9,885	-
Donation/Gifts	-	5	5	192
Adult support and training	86	-	86	180
Rent and Rates	463	-	463	454
Water and sewerage	-	-	-	206
Utilities(Gas,Electricity) and Broadband	2,074	-	2,074	1,979
Insurance - Premises	2,217	-	2,217	-
Insurance - Leaders/Members	174	-	174	-
Insurance - Minibus	-	-	-	814
Maintenance-incl. cleaning & repairs	3,732	-	3,732	4,615
Activities	-	328	328	420
Materials and Equipment	941	-	941	1,874
Transport	-	-	-	1,055
Administration	506	-	506	1,369
Bank charges	180	-	180	183
GoCardless Fees	-	-	-	409
Family Camp 2018	-	-	-	647
Somme 2019	1,103	-	1,103	974
Scout Camp 2018	-	-	-	3,093
Cub Camp	-	-	-	50
Group Camp 2019	2,987	-	2,987	488
Summer Camp 2019	427	-	427	-
Meetings	-	146	146	215
Scouters uniform	-	5	5	234
Snowdonia Hike	-	-	-	53
Bazazz	-	-	-	490
Scout Ridge Grounds Project	-	-	-	4,023
Sub total	24,776	484	25,260	24,014
Fundraising expenses				
Village Day BBQ	-	-	-	232
Quiz night	-	-	-	403
Sub total	-	-	-	635

Section A Receipts and payments

3rd Banstead Scout Group | Charity No: 305687



For the period from	1-Apr-19	To	31-Mar-20
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Payments	General funds	Section funds	Total funds	Last year
Other Expenses				
Sundry	-	74	74	85
Scarves/Ties/T-shirts/Woggles	-	61	61	1,394
Badges / Books	23	480	502	
Food/Drink	-	20	20	-
Sub total	23	634	657	2,216
Total payments	24,799	1,118	25,917	26,865
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,856	6	- 3,850	8,240
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	18,528	797	19,325	11,085
Cash funds this year end	14,672	803	15,475	19,325

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2020

3rd Banstead Scout Group | Charity No: 305687

	This year General	This year Sections	This year Total	Previous year total
Cash Funds				
Cash in hand	663.66	802.83	1,466.49	810.67
Bank Current Account	1,337.84	-	1,337.84	1,000.00
Bank Deposit Account	5,109.25	-	5,109.25	15,814.33
Activities Account	864.78	-	864.78	924.78
Minibus Account	6,696.55	-	6,696.55	775.24
Building Society	-	-	-	-
Total cash funds	14,672.08	802.83	15,474.91	19,325.02
Other Monetary assets				
			-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
			-	-
	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets				
Land & Buildings (Insured value)	473,814.00	-	473,814.00	408,940.00
Motor Vehicle and trailers (deposit)	9,885.00	-	9,885.00	4,000.00
Contents/Equipment (Insured value)	28,912.00	-	28,912.00	24,954.00
	512,611.00		512,611.00	437,894.00
Liabilities				
Storage Unit final installment			-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Short term loan	-	-	-	-
	-		-	-