

Let's talk! Join us at our AGM

We're holding our annual general meeting this year on Friday 19th November at 7pm.

All parents, Scouts and volunteers are invited to join us and reflect on some brilliant moments from the year.

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Scouts
1st Sedgley

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1st Sedgley Scout Group

On-Line
Annual General Meeting
Friday 19 November 2021

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Presentations
3. Apologies
4. Minutes of the last AGM
5. Annual Report and Accounts
6. Approval of Group Scout Leader's nomination of Group Chair
7. Election of Group Secretary
8. Election of Group Treasurer
9. Approval of Group Scout Leader's nominations for Group Executive Committee
10. Elections of other Group Executive Committee Members
11. Appointment of Auditors
12. Group Scout Leader's Report (including Section Leaders' Reports)
13. Any other business – (by prior permission of the Chairman only)
14. Close of meeting:
15. Open discussion questions & answers

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

(On-line) Wednesday 30 September 2020 – 7.30pm

Attendees:

District Commissioner, Group Scout Leader, Section Leaders, Assistant Leaders & Helpers, Trustees, Parents.

Apologies: Neil Porter, County Commissioner, Colin Foster

Chairman's Welcome:

Thanked everyone for attending & for keeping the group going during difficult times – The Executive Report is attached.

- Ian Foster (an ex-Chair, ASL, Scout) has stepped down after a very long man and boy membership with 1st Sedgley, he will stay on the Beer Festival committee.
- Elaine Flavell have stepped down from the committee. Due to study commitments Kate Williams has also resigned as a trustee but will re-join the funding committee.

Presentations:

Awards to the following:

- **BEAVERS:** (Bronze Chief Scout) -
 - [REDACTED] (Redacted for safeguarding)
- **CUBS** (Silver Chief Scout)
 - [REDACTED] (Redacted for safeguarding)
- **SCOUTS** - as expeditions could not be completed due to COVID 19 restrictions. There will have to be special arrangements made for a selection of Scouts to complete the Gold Award.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

There were no comments or questions to last year's minutes.

Annual Report and Accounts:

Start of year circa: £10,000

End of year circa: £17,500 - boosted by:

- £5000 donation from Denis Ashworth towards the Building Extension, (climbing wall)
- £15,000 for New roof grant from Enovert Landfill Trust
- £5000 Dudley Council (Grant for tables)
- Very successful beer festival fundraiser 2019
- Outgoings: Capitation charges per head have increased, membership up to
- Income: Hall hire revenue is down.
- No May Fair in 2019 because Sedgley May Pole Festival will no longer take place
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Points to note - looking ahead:

- No May Fair, Beer Festival or Bedding Plant Sale fundraisers in 2020 (due to COVID-19).

Approval of Group Scout Leader's nomination of Group Chair

- Saul Burton Appointed as Chairman

Election of Group Secretary

- Rob Woodall Appointed as Secretary

Election of Group Treasurer

- Paul Todd Appointed as Treasurer (This is a temporary appointment pending the search for a new volunteer).

Election Executive Committee Nominated by Group Chair & Approved

- Louise Porter - Nominated
- David Baugh - Nominated

Elections of other Group Executive Committee Members:

- Richard Powell - Ex-Officio
- Paul Todd - Ex-Officio
- Rob Woodall – Ex-Officio
- Rob Barlow – Ex-Officio
- Neil Porter - Co-opted
- Dionne Mead - Co-opted
- Helen Whitehouse - Ex-Officio

Executive Committee Members Election from the Group Scout Council

- Chris Burton – Newly Appointed
- Claire Steele - Re-Appointed

Appointment of Auditors

- Neal & Co, Cradley, West Midlands - Proposed by Paul Todd (Treasurer)
- Seconded Debra Baugh
Re-Appointed

AOB

1. Helen Whitehouse (Cub Leader:) Asked about Gift Aid application progress. Chair agreed to pick up and progress.
2. Question from Paul Leddy (Parent) - how is group finances affected by COVID-19. Answer: Paul Todd (Treasurer) replied that due to government grant of £10,000 (via DMBC) we will see circa £3000 decline in income, but the account position could cope with that.
3. Question from Helen Whitehouse (Cub Leader): What are Group proposing to do about subs paid by parents during the closure. Answer- The committee has decided to write to all parents giving parents choices about amounts paid – Refund- Credit- Donate for both reduced subs and full subs.
4. Question from Aileen Barlow (Assistant Leader) Asked if the group had considered any potential increased costs of heating to keep the hall temperature up whilst not in use due to Covid-19 in- case of severe weather. Paul Todd (Treasurer) and David Baugh responded although not budgeted, the Group financial reserves could cope financially, and that extra insulation included in the new roof specification would improve thermal efficiency.
5. Nick Sandy (District Commissioner) asked if the Treasurer had accounted for the HQ capitation increase in the projected impact of COVID-19. Treasurer replied that the increase had not yet been communicated by the SA.
6. Nick Sandy (District Commissioner) commented that 1st Sedgley Scout Group is doing well and commended our continuation of scouting online, he said on-line meetings around Dudley District was patchy and that some groups had held limited face to face meetings & activities.

Notes: * The term 'Appointed', or 'Approval' means no objections raised at the AGM or to the AGM Pack sent to the Group Scout Council.

1ST SEDGLEY SCOUT GROUP

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2021

1st Sedgley Scout Group
Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

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1st Sedgley Scout Group
Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

Trustees: *Ex-Officio*

Group Scout Leader	Richard Powell
Assistant Group Scout Leader	Rob Barlow
Beaver Scout Leader	Debra Baugh
Cub Scout Leader	Helen Whitehouse
Scout Leader	Mat Fellows

Trustees: *Elected*

Group Treasurer	Vacant
Group Secretary	"

Trustees: *Nominated*

Group Chairman	Saul Burton
Executive Committee Members	Neil Porter David Baugh Louise Porter Claire Steele Chris Burton

Bankers

Barclays Bank

Custodian Trustees

The Scout Assc. Trust Corporation

Group Registration No. with The Scout Association	14268
Charity Registration Number	524621
Contact Name and Address	Mr Saul Burton Jubilee Hall Ladies Walk Sedgley DY3 3UA

1st Sedgley Scout Group
Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2021

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Groups. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of the Scout Association. The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

Saul Burton, Chairman, on behalf of the Trustees, 8 November 2021:
David Baugh, Ian Foster, Paul Todd, Louise Porter, Neil Porter, Rob Woodall, Claire Steele and Chris Burton

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**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

	General Funds						Previous Year
	Executive Committee £	Building Fund	Beaver Scouts £	Cub Scouts £	Scouts £	Total £	£
Total Receipts	19,003		273	989	375	20,640	51,183
Total Payments	4,829		350	902	284	6,365	43,859
	14,174		(77)	87	91	14,275	7,324
Transfers between Funds							
	14,174		(77)	87	91	14,275	7,324
Cash/Bank balances b/fwd	8,728	5,000	629	1,501	1,693	17,551	10,227
Cash/Bank balances c/fwd	22,902	5,000	552	1,588	1,784	31,826	17,551

The above account and accompanying statements of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 8th November 2021 and signed on their behalf by :

Saul Burton (Chairman)

1st SEDGLEY SCOUT GROUP

**DETAILED RECEIPTS
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

	General Funds						Previous Year
	Executive Committee	Building Fund	Beaver Scouts	Cub Scouts	Scouts	Total	£
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Membership Subscriptions	1,197		625	1,609	582	4,013	8,703
Less Paid	(3,560)		(352)	(638)	(207)	(4,757)	(5,097)
	<u>(2,363)</u>		<u>273</u>	<u>971</u>	<u>375</u>	<u>(744)</u>	<u>3,606</u>
DONATIONS/GRANTS							
Donations	5					5	300
Match Funding						-	2,000
Grants	19,669					19,669	25,137
ACTIVITIES							
Camps						-	5,718
Other				18		18	637
FUND RAISING							
Bedding Plant Sale						-	1,097
May Fayre and others						-	244
Beer Festival	168					168	6,699
SUNDRY RECEIPTS							
Hire of Hall	1,524					1,524	5,745
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>19,003</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>989</u>	<u>375</u>	<u>20,640</u>	<u>51,183</u>

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**DETAILED PAYMENTS
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

General Funds							
	Executive Committee £	Building Fund £	Beaver Scouts £	Cub Scouts £	Scouts £	Total £	Previous Year £
PREMISES							
Rent	21		-	-	-	21	21
Water Rates	120		-	-	-	120	834
Light and Heat	1,373		-	-	-	1,373	2,975
Insurance	1,985		-	-	-	1,985	1,904
Repairs and Renewals	14		-	-	-	14	566
Grass Cutting	350		-	-	-	350	480
Cleaning	727		-	-	-	727	1,527
	4,590		-	-	-	4,590	8,307
DONATIONS/GIFTS							
	200		-	-	-	200	-
ACTIVITIES							
Camps & activities	60		273	433	143	909	9,760
Training Courses	10					10	10
Section Nights						-	2,832
FUND RAISING							
Other						-	-
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES							
Books, Stationery etc.						-	270
AGM Expenses						-	125
Other	-	181		215	66	100	1,491
OTHER EXPENSES							
Uniform Grants	150					150	-
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE							
Equipment						-	925
Headquarters						-	19,549
PURCHASE OF BADGES							
			77	254	75	406	590
TOTAL PAYMENTS	4,829		350	902	284	6,365	43,859

1st SEDGLEY SCOUT GROUP

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
at 31 March 2021

	General Funds						
	Executive Committee £	Building Fund £	Beaver Scouts £	Cub Scouts £	Scouts £	Total £	Previous Year £
MONETARY ASSETS							
Bank Current Accounts	22,902	5,000	407	1,578	1,565	31,452	16,883
Cash in Hand	-		145	10	219	374	668
	<u>22,902</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>552</u>	<u>1,588</u>	<u>1,784</u>	<u>31,826</u>	<u>17,551</u>

NON-MONETARY ASSETS

Land and Buildings
Group Headquarters Insured Value £279853

Scouting Equipment ,Furniture Insured Value £17632

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There are no contingent liabilities.

1st Sedgley Scout Group Trustees' Annual Report for 2020–21

It has been another extraordinary year with the significant on-going challenges presented by Covid-19 for everyone personally, socially, professionally, and charitably. We are hopefully nearing the end of this unprecedented pandemic and the significant impact of it is having on everyone's lives and its infringement on freedoms and lifestyles. It is against this background that I am incredibly proud to say that 1st Sedgley Scout Group has continued to operate throughout the pandemic, thanks to dedication, enthusiasm, hard work and creativity of all Leaders and Assistants in all sections. Without them and their on-going volunteering, the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Fundraising

The management of hall bookings is still the major source of regular income, thanks to Louise and Neil Porter who provide the hall booking service – a huge commitment for which we are all very grateful.

Unfortunately, we have been unable to run two major fundraising events – the beer festival and bedding plant sale.

The accounts show the true impact of Covid-19 with fundraising reduced from £16,000 to £1,500. This has partially offset by £3,700 reduction in costs of running the headquarters however the group's finances have been replenished thanks to our success in obtaining some £19,700 in Covid grants via Dudley Council. We have also been successful in claiming the restart grant of £8,000 which was received in June 2021.

Overall we have improved our cash balance by some £14,000 at the year-end but we have also lost our 2 main fund raisers for the current year.

The sections have had to curb all face-to-face activity, and this is reflected in the minimal income and expenditure. However this doesn't reflect the comprehensive programme that the section leaders have been able to deliver online throughout the year.

Capital projects, improvement, and maintenance

The Trustees are committed to the continued development and growth of the group and the facilities that support it. Despite the lockdown we have continued to improve the facilities. We have a new security alarm, trees within the grounds have been lopped and pruned to ensure on-going safety and the external drain has been repaired and improved following damage and later collapsing.

We have also kept our efforts to develop and extent the hall. We now have plans and planning permission, and as such w are now in a potion to begin tendering for the project.

Social

Social activities have unfortunately been affected by Covid-19, and so we have sadly missed our traditional Christmas Cheer and Burns Night. We look forward to resuming these as soon as possible.

Resignations

Sadly, we have had three resignations from the Committee.

Paul Todd has been our longstanding (suffering) Treasurer, who despite his best efforts to retire for many years has continued to offer his invaluable time, knowledge, and experience. Unfortunately, all good things come to an end, and Paul has finally pulled the trigger and stood down.

Rob Woodhall has sadly stood down as Secretary and Claire Steele has stood down as Assistant Treasurer.

I would like to thank everyone for the time and help over the years.

Help needed!

Given the above resignations, we need help, and I would like to invite everyone to consider joining the committee!

1st Sedgley Executive Committee (Management Committee) are the trustees and supply the administration & infrastructure for us to run successfully. It would be an immense help if more volunteers were able to assist us; we would love to see more parents getting involved in supporting the group and the work that we do. If anyone would like to help, please feel free to speak any of the leaders or members of the committee. Every little helps.

Looking forward

We are excited that things are slowly returning to normal. Whilst it is still difficult to make long term plans with so much uncertainty, the Trustees are keen to support all who are associated with the Group to return to full Scouting activities as soon as possible.

Thanks

I would like to thank everyone, the executive, all section leaders, assistants, and helpers who give up their time to make 1st Sedgley the remarkable success it is. We should not underestimate the hard work and effort that everyone puts in, and the positive contribution that their efforts make to the lives of all of the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Group Scout Leader: Richard Powell
Assistant Group Scout Leader: Rob Barlow

Scout Leader: Mathew Fellows,
Assistant Scout Leaders: John Moss, David Mitchell, Chris Hayes Alexander Baugh, Sam Neave & Paige Morris.

Cub Leader: Helen Whitehouse
Assistant Cub Scout Leader: Rob Barlow, Aileen Barlow, Nick Noons, Kathleen Woodrow, Liz Whitehouse & Kev Ansell.
Young Leader: Eren, Clare, Daisy, Drew, and Ethan

Beaver Scout Leader: Debra Baugh,
Assistant Beaver Scout Leader: Kerry Fellows, Louise Porter, Lesley Hickman & Annette Mitchell.
Young Leader: Eva, Owen, Josh, Alfie, Grace

on behalf of the Trustees, 17 November 2021

Saul Burton, Chairman,

Richard Powell, David Baugh, Chris Burton, Louise Porter, Claire Steele, & Helen Whitehouse (co-opted Neil Porter)

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Group Scout Leaders Report

2020/21

This AGM is technically to report on the year up to March 2021. Once again, we are a little late this year, I hope that you can forgive us.

Firstly would like to thank everyone that makes this group work and run as smoothly as it does. That is all the Section Leaders, Assistants & Helpers for providing the young members with a safe and exciting program that keeps them coming back every week.

Also the Executive Committee that provide the means and manage the infrastructure that enables the sections to do what they do best.

It has been another strange year for all of us, but like most I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Towards the end of the Summer term all of the sections started back with 'face to face' outdoor activities and now almost back to normal with indoor meetings.

The Beavers have been off site to Baggeridge on the high ropes park and have awarded 2 Bronze Chief Scouts awards.

The Cubs have been to the 'Wolf Mountain' climbing centre and presented 4 Silver Chief Scouts Awards.

The Scouts are heading off to camp at the end of this month. All sections are full and working well.

We have also gained some more leaders and helpers this year, Kaitlyn, Kev and Liz are joining the Cubs and Paige Morris has agreed to come and help at Scouts.

Unfortunately some of our previous leaders have passed away this year, Bron Olma, Sue and Mark Davies and Denis Ashworth MBE. Our condolences and sympathies go to their families.

Once again many thanks for all of the support through these difficult times but we have shown that we have an excellent team that can get us through anything and keep on Scouting.

Yours in Scouting,