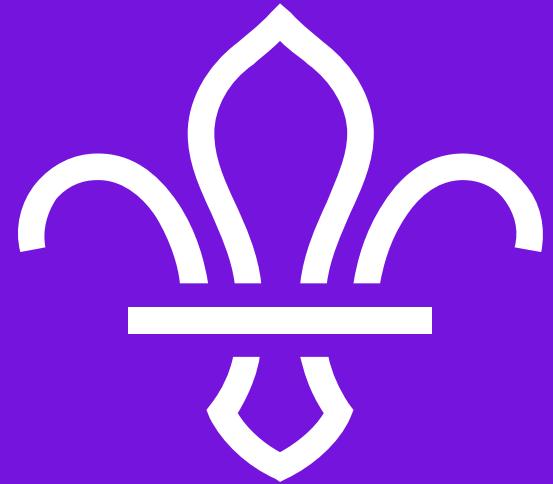


**Annual General Meeting**

Financial Year: 1st April 2020 - 31st March 2021



# Scouts

## The Winterbornes

# Agenda

- 1. Welcome and introduction**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Minutes of the last AGM**
- 4. Executive reports:**
  - Chairperson
  - Treasurer approval of accounts
  - Group Scout Leader
  - Section Reports
- 5. Elections of the executive**
  - Chairperson
  - Treasurer
  - Secretary
  - Bookings Secretary
  - Executive Committee Members
- 6. Any other business**

## Annual General Meeting

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity



**John Kerley**  
**Acting Group Chairperson**

Joined as Acting Chairperson in Sept. 2019.

John leads the Executive Committee, and ensures it fulfils its responsibilities within the Group. John works closely with Sam to achieve the purpose of The Scout Association through the development of local Scouting, in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.



**Sam Elliott**  
**Group Scout Leader**

Joined as a Beaver Leader in January 2018 and stepped into Group Scout Leader role in October 2019.

Sam manages and supports the Scout Group and its Leaders to ensure it runs effectively and that Scouting within the Group develops in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

**Anna Way**  
**Group Secretary**

Joined as Secretary in January 2018.

As Secretary Anna supports John to ensure the smooth functioning and sound administration of the Scout Group in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

**Nicola Lindley**  
**Group Treasurer**

Joined as Treasurer for the Scout Group in September 2019.

Nicky is providing sound financial administration, support and information to the Executive Committee and Group in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

**Group Executive Committee Members:**

Neill Wilson

Richard Wilson

**Trustee declarations??  
Dates from??**

# **Structure, governance and management**



### Type of governing document

The Winterbornes Scout Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

### How our charity is constituted

The Winterbornes Scout Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

### Trustee selection methods

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

**The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity**

As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of three independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader and individual section leaders and parent's representation and normally meets every 2 months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

## **Risk and Internal Control**

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

- Damage to the building, property and equipment. When The Winterbornes Scout Group use buildings, property and equipment from organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Huts. The Group will have sufficient contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.
- Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Winterbornes Scout Group, through the capitation fees, contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.
- Reduced income from fund raising. The Winterbornes Scout Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group is working towards holding a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

- Reduction or loss of leaders. The Winterbornes Scout Group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.
- Reduction or loss of members. The Winterbornes Scout Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

# **Objectives and Activities**

## **Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Integrity, respect, care, belief and co-operation are values that guide Scouts.

## **Summary of the main activities**

- the Chief Scout awards scheme;
- a programme of youth led events and activities.

These activities benefit young people by developing their self-confidence and social skills, their practical skills and life skills and providing opportunities for young people to become volunteers themselves. We welcome all young people, aged between 6 and 18, regardless of personal background, faith, gender or personal circumstances.

## **Additional details of objectives and activities**

Our Scout Group is growing and getting stronger every term due to the amazing support of all our volunteers! They all support each other and always try and take part in committee events, fundraising and maintaining our equipment. Leaders keep producing well balanced programmes that keep the young people engaged and having lots of fun. We continue to make sure we are spending money that directly benefits our young people.

# **Minutes of the last AGM**

26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Any matters arising from these can be discussed during this AGM.

**If the minutes are a true record they will be approved and signed.**

## The Winterbornes' Scout Group

Minutes of AGM held Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Present:** John Kerley (Deputy District Commissioner) Samantha Elliott (GSL), Paul Andrews (Scout Section Leader), Denise Saunders (Cub Scout Section Leader), Nicola Lindley (Scout Group Treasurer) Anna Way (Scout Group Secretary), Neill Wilson, Richard Wilson, Pam Thornton (Executive Committee members),

### 1. John Kerley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. Apologies for absence:

There were no apologies for absence

### 3. Approval of the minutes from the previous AGM:

Approved and signed by Anna Way on behalf of John Kerley.

### 4. Executive Reports

#### • Chairperson – John Kerley

John outlined the exciting changes that have happened over the year:

- We started the year as The Winterborne Whitechurch Scout Group and have since received approval to change our name to The Winterbornes' Scout Group;
- We have welcomed the Milborne St Andrew Beavers and Leaders to our group.
- Sam Elliott has been formally approved as our Group Scout leader
- A new group necker and badge have been approved
- New, secure, long term storage has been donated for the Group's equipment.

To finish, John thanked the members of the Executive Committee, Leaders and Sam Elliott for their support.

#### • Treasurer – Nicola Lindley

##### Approval of the Annual Accounts to year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

Nicola Lindley presented the annual accounts:

*Summary:*

*Income: £3,887.37*

*Expenditure: £3,345.84*

**Bank balance as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 : £541.53**

As there were no questions, John thanked Nicola for her work and Colin Westbrook, who audited them.

Adoption of accounts proposed by Richard Wilson and seconded by Pam Thornton

#### • Group Scout Leader – Sam Elliott

1. Sam explained she had been group Scout leader since October 2019 and is pleased that the annual census shows the Group is beginning to flourish again. Other positive news from the year has been:
  - The successful merger of the Milborne St Andrew Scout Group and Winterborne Whitechurch to become The Winterbornes. This has been demonstrated by the introduction of new neckers and the design of a new Group badge. This will be made as soon as funds allow.
  - Leaders have been proactively planning and running great weekly sessions of Scouting as well as undertaking a range of training modules; helping with fundraising; organising and running camps.
  - The Christmas Raffle and sing-a-long was a highlight and has triggered more ideas for fundraising.

2. Sam talked through the Scouts "Skills for Life - Our Plan 2018 -2023", outlining the Scout Vision, Mission and Values and how we, as a Group can work towards achieving them:

**Growth:** The promotion of our Group within the community to engage more young people and volunteers.

**Youth Shaped:** encouraging the young people to be more involved in program planning and supporting the leaders in ensuring more young people are achieving their Chief Scout Awards.

**Inclusivity:** This will be actively promoted and no one will be excluded from joining the Group.

**Community Impact:** In Sections and a Group we will actively help and support our local community.

3. Sam asked families to ensure subs are paid on time. Support is available for families if help is needed.
4. If anyone can help with applying for grants it would be very appreciated

## Beaver Scout Colony Report – Sam Elliott

This year many activities have been enjoyed including:

- with other young people: St George's Day celebrations with Blandford Scout Group; The Christmas illuminated walk at Kingston Lacey and a Mud Trail with the rest of the Group.
- opportunities to meet outside the hall: a hike around Pamphill area, litter pick along the Stour, tennis session at QE Sports Centre,
- working towards Navigator, Community Impact, Sports, Healthy Eating and Creative badges as well as the Cook Activity badge.

One Chief Scout Bronze Award has been presented.

## Cub Scout Pack Report – Denise Saunders

This year many activities have been enjoyed including these highlights:

- making catapults, science experiments, Chinese New Year, Burns Night and Shrove Tuesday cooking skills.
- The Cubs joined the Group at the St George's Day Celebrations, The Mud Trail and Christmas walk.
- The highlight was Summer Camp at Butchers Coppice in June 2019.

Chief Scout Silver Awards have been presented to five Cubs.

## Scout Troop Report – Paul Andrews

This year many activities have been enjoyed including these highlights:

- Shelter building, map reading, hikes, ballistas, farming, fire safety, meteorology, cooking pancakes, first aid, rifle shooting, archery and climbing.
- 2 Scouts attended Aviation Camp at Henstridge Airfield and completed their Air Activities Stage 4 badge.
- July 2019 – Scouts enjoyed Expedition Camp, kayaking 14 miles on the river at Ross on Wye on the first day!

Chief Scout Silver Awards have been presented to two Scouts.

### 6. Election of Group Chair:

**Chairman – John Kerley :** Nominated by Denise Saunders and seconded by Anna Way

### 7. Election of Group Treasurer and Group Secretary:

**Treasurer – Nicola Lindley :** Nominated by Paul Andrews and seconded by Richard Wilson

**Secretary – Anna Way :** Nominated by Denise Saunders and seconded by Sam Elliott

### 8. Approval of nominations to Group Executive Committee :Neil Wilson and Richard Wilson

agreed to stay on the Committee for another year. Proposed by Nicola Lindley and seconded by Denise Saunders.

Pam Thornton announced she would like to step down.

### 9. General Business:

- The date of 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020 was set to meet at Whatcombe House to check inventory of equipment.
- John Kerley to attend a County Meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss getting Scouting running by the end of July
- Brownsea 113 – Virtual Summer Camp with lots of online activities.
- Cubs now have a new County Commissioner, Jamie Winchester.
- Denise Saunders thanked Sam Elliott for her amazing support over the year.

John Kerley is also our Assistant District Commissioner and he spoke in this role to formally thank the Executive Committee, Leaders and Young people for a fantastic year.

**The meeting closed at 7.29pm.**



# **Group Chairperson Report**

John Kerley



**The Scout motto is “Be Prepared” but nothing could have prepared us for the rapid changes we needed to make to Scouting over the last 12 months.**

Our Leaders, young people, parents and committee members adapted and overcame. Scouting continued by various online methods locally, in District, in County and Nationally with an albeit brief period where we could meet up again observing The Scout Association guidelines.

Highlights for me were the online VE Day celebration, Brownsea 113, the great indoor/outdoor camp, the Panto and more recently the St George’s celebration weekend camp. Scroll through our Facebook page to revisit these fantastic events.

Throughout the year the Executive Committee has continued to meet regularly, via zoom, dealing with the business of the Winterbornes Scout Group.

My thanks go to the Exec Committee members, Leaders, Young People, Parents and Sam for their continued support to the Group.

# **Group Scout Leader Report**

Sam Elliott



**At a time when we really needed a year to grow and fundraise, a world-wide pandemic was not ideal, but we have done our best to provide Scouting for our young people.**

We started the year running zoom session for all sections in our Group, once a week, however there weren't many taking part so by the summer we joined forces with Blandford Scout Group to run joint sessions for the rest of the year.

The highlight from all Zoom sessions has been having Cuthbert, a goat from Cronkshaw Fold Farm and Study Centre, join us - epitomises what a crazy year it has been!!

Lots of our members took part in a virtual camp @home event; HQ's Great Indoor Weekender and/or County Brownsea 113.

It has been difficult to recruit volunteers this year and we haven't actively encouraged young people to join Scouting during this time. Our membership did fall by 11.6% however the Scout section and Adult membership did increase.

Many young people took part in compilation videos celebrating St George's Day and VE 25th Anniversary Celebrations. These were shared on many social media platforms to be seen by our local community and lift spirits during a difficult time.

Despite a lockdown a couple of Cub and Scout families were able to go and lay wreaths for Remembrance day, in a couple of locations, on behalf of our Group.

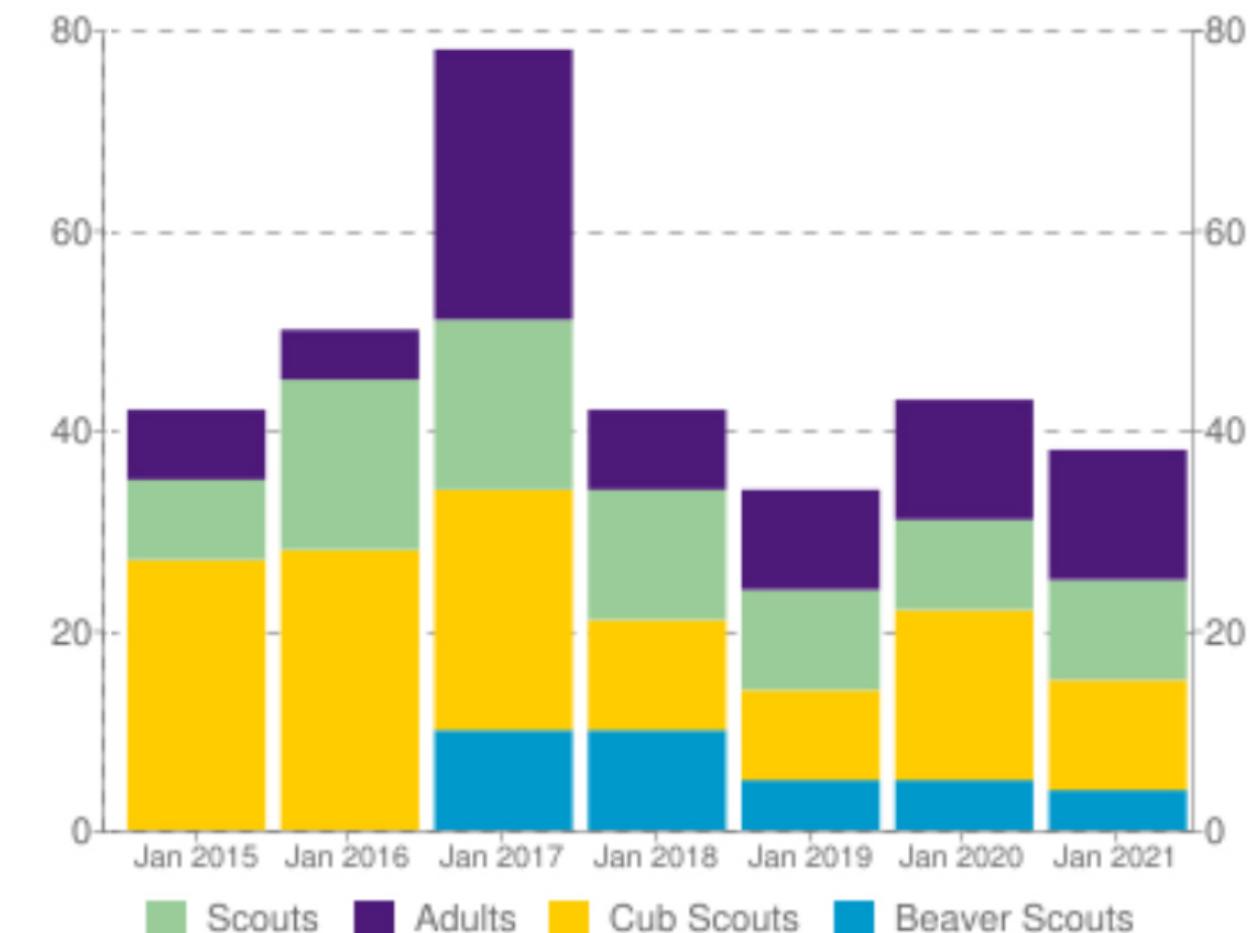
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**Census of Membership 2021**



Census	Jan 2015	Jan 2016	Jan 2017	Jan 2018	Jan 2019	Jan 2020	Jan 2021
<b>Beaver Scouts</b>	-	-	10	10	5	5	4
<b>% change</b>	-	-	-	0.0%	-50.0%	0.0%	-20.0%
<b>Cub Scouts</b>	27	28	24	11	9	17	11
<b>% change</b>	-	3.7%	-14.3%	-54.2%	-18.2%	88.9%	-35.3%
<b>Scouts</b>	8	17	17	13	10	9	10
<b>% change</b>	-	112.5%	0.0%	-23.5%	-23.1%	-10.0%	11.1%
<b>Explorer Scouts</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>% change</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Venture Scouts</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>% change</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Scout Network</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>% change</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total YP</b>	35	45	51	34	24	31	25
<b>% change</b>	-	28.6%	13.3%	-33.3%	-29.4%	29.2%	-19.4%
<b>Adults</b>	7	5	27	8	10	12	13
<b>% change</b>	-	-28.6%	440.0%	-70.4%	25.0%	20.0%	8.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	42	50	78	42	34	43	38
<b>% change</b>	-	19.0%	56.0%	-46.2%	-19.0%	26.5%	-11.6%

No reason why we can't get back up to 2017 figures with the support of local adults and young people and;

- taking part in more community events
- advertising – social media and local press
- making our sessions/programmes/events even better so that friends (of all ages) want to join our adventure!



## Milborne Beaver Colony

Group zoom sessions were offered to all Beavers throughout the year, with a couple attending some session, running activities such as; physical challenges, bake off challenges, interactive games, Chinese new year, talent shows, pancakes, drawing and astronomy etc..

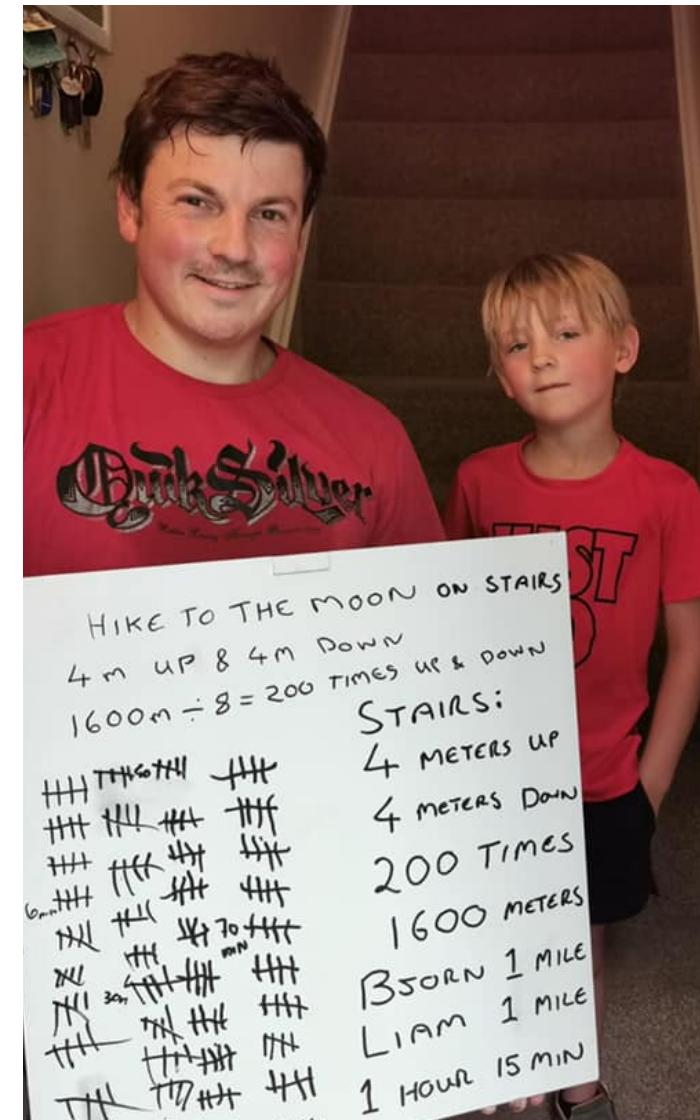
Beavers were invited to renew their promise at the North Dorset District zoom celebration for St George's Day.

Beavers did enjoy taking part in St George and VE Day celebratory videos that were shared across social media for our community to enjoy.

We have still camped!! A couple of Beavers joined in with Scouts HQ Great Indoor Weekender and then County Brownsea 113. Beavers have enjoyed building dens or popping tents up and taking part in usual camp activities; cooking, enjoying the outdoors, Lego session, knot skills, rockets, and astronomy.

Beavers had the opportunity to join the Group pantomime at home to fundraise for the Group.

**Eloise should be super pleased with finishing off the last few requirements and achieve her Chief Scout Bronze Award during lockdown!**



**HUGE well done to one of our Beavers who ran a mile but up and down their stairs for The Scouts 'Hike to the Moon' challenge... 200 times up and 200 times down. It took 1 hour and 15 minutes to complete the task**

## Badges & Awards:



**Chief Scout  
Bronze Awards** 1

Other badges awarded:

Challenge Badges 2

Activity Badges 12

Staged Badges 4

## Whitechurch Cub Pack

Group zoom sessions were offered to all Cubs throughout the year, with a couple attending some session, running activities such as; baking, drawing, healthy eating, looking at Scouts from around the world and Escape rooms etc...

Cubs were invited to renew their promise at the North Dorset District zoom celebration for St George's Day.

Cubs did enjoy taking part in St George and VE Day celebratory videos that were shared across social media for our community to enjoy.

We have still camped!! Half the pack joined in with Scouts HQ Great Indoor Weekender and a couple joined in with the County Brownsea 113. Cubs have enjoyed building dens or popping tents up and taking part in usual camp activities; cooking, enjoying the outdoors, Lego session, knot skills, rockets, and astronomy.

A couple of Cubs joined the Group pantomime at home and raised some money for the Group.



### Badges & Awards:



**Chief Scout  
Silver Awards** 0

Other badges awarded:

Challenge Badges 1

Activity Badges 3

Staged Badges 3

## Whitechurch Scout Troop

Group zoom sessions were offered to all Scouts throughout the year, with a couple attending some session, running activities such as; knot skills, bake off challenges, escape rooms, physical challenges, interactive games, camp battleships, drawing skills and astronomy etc...

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### Badges & Awards:



**Chief Scout Gold Awards** 0

Other badges awarded:

Challenge Badges 0

Activity Badges 10

Staged Badges 9

# **Financial Review**

Nicky Lindley

Annual General Meeting  
**Group Treasurer Report**

**THE WINTERBORNES SCOUT GROUP**

Balance of Accounts - Financials 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

	<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>
Beavers	£ -	Beavers	£ 16.93
Cubs	£ -	Cubs	£ 21.14
Subscription	£ 327.42	Scouts	£ 16.93
Scout Recovery Fund	£ 2,000.00	Neckers & Badges	£ 4.17
		Capitation	£ 1,428.00
	<b>Totals £ 2,327.42</b>		
			£ 1,487.17

**Scouting Account**

Opening Balance	£ 541.30
Income Total	£ 2,327.42
Expenditure Total	£ 1,487.17
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£ 1,381.55</b>

**Lloyds Account \*\*\*\*968 balances**

01 April 2019	£ 541.30
31 March 2020	£ 1,381.78

**Notes**

I have prepared the above accounts from the books, records and explanations given to me by The Winterbornes Scout Group and they are in accordance therewith.

Huge thanks to Colin Westbrook from the Gillingham Scout Group for providing the auditing service again this year.

Colin Westbrook  
Independent Examiner



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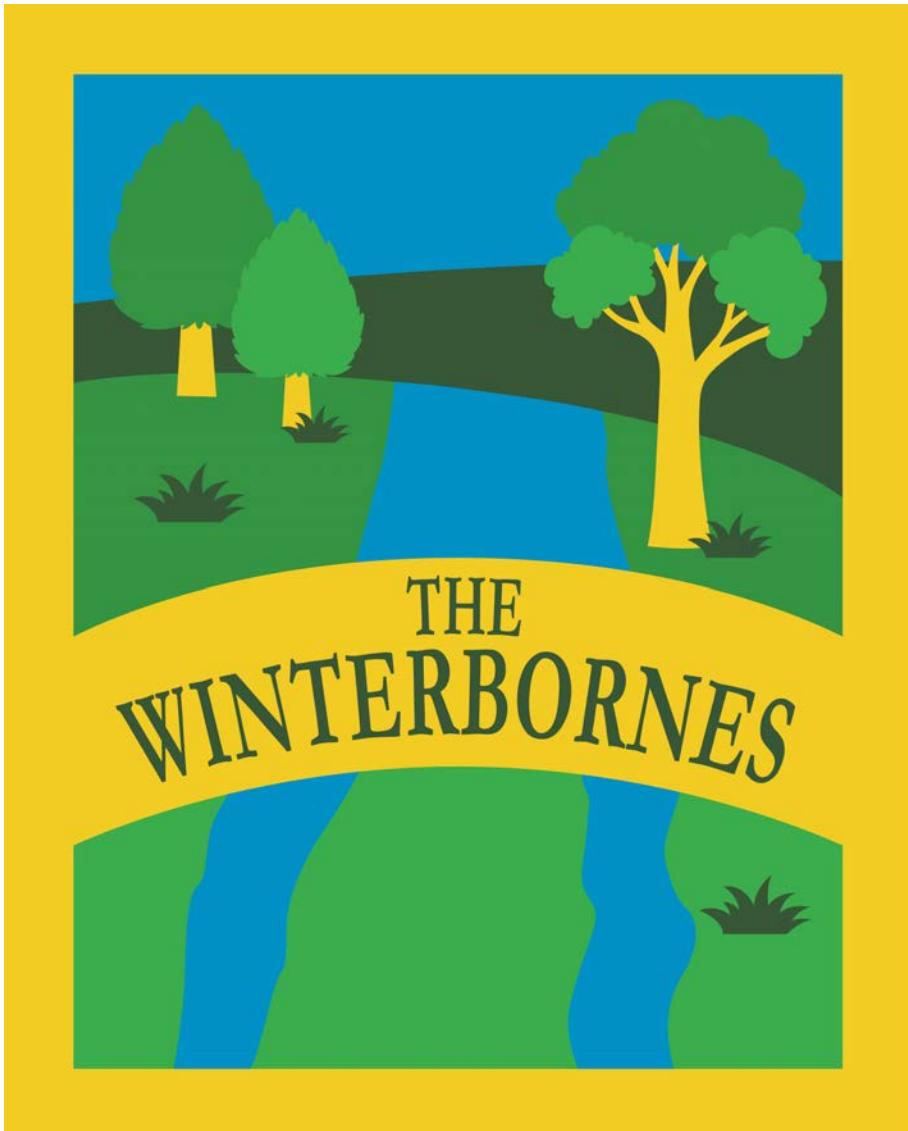
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**Annual General Meeting**

26<sup>th</sup> June 2021

# **Special Mentions**

# Thank You...



## **John Kerley**

John kindly donated the money to purchase the badges for our new neckers – we are finally a proper Scout Group!

## **Anna Way**

Organising the purchase and laying of the remembrance wreaths.

## **Piers Chichester**

We thank Piers for allowing us to store our equipment at Whatcombe House and for the continued support he gives our Scout Group.

## **Harry Spinks**

Harry joined the Group as an Assistant Scout Leader in July – right in the middle of lockdown. Harry was a ASL in East Sussex for 6 years before relocating in Dorset.

Harry jumped straight into zoom sessions with us and was a great support.

During the summer Harry completed all the Scout mandatory trainings online and has recently renewed his First Aid training via evening zoom sessions once a week for 3 weeks. This has meant that Scouts have been able to reopen recently without the need for extra support...

**A HUGE THANK YOU HARRY!**



## Armsitice Day

Thank you to Max and Oliver who laid a wreath in Winterborne Stickland and William, Arthur and Laura who laid another in Winterborne Whitechurch.

You all did a grand job in representing The Winterbornes Scout Group

**Thank you**

## Elections of the executive

- Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Executive Committee Members

# **Any other business**

**Thank you for joining us**