



Scouts

51st Bath



Annual Report and Accounts

2020/21

Charity Name: 51st Bath (Ascension Church) Scout Group

Known as: 51st Bath Scout Group

The Scouts Registration Number: 23288

Scout County / District: Avon / City of Bath

Principal Address:

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Our Trustees

Ashley Russell	Group Scout Leader
Lillian Weiss	Group Treasurer
Sam Ollason	Group Chair
Ben Mansbridge	Group Secretary
Richard Roth	Trustee

Our Advisors

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The Group's governing documents are those of the 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.

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

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

What We Do

The Purpose of Scouting

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

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Financial Policies

All the Group's policies can be found at www.51bathscouts.org.uk/our-policies/

Reserves

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Trustees consider that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 3-6 months expenditure (excluding capitation and capital expenditure).

At the year end the charity held £1,346 in cash funds, all of which was unrestricted and available as reserves of the charity.

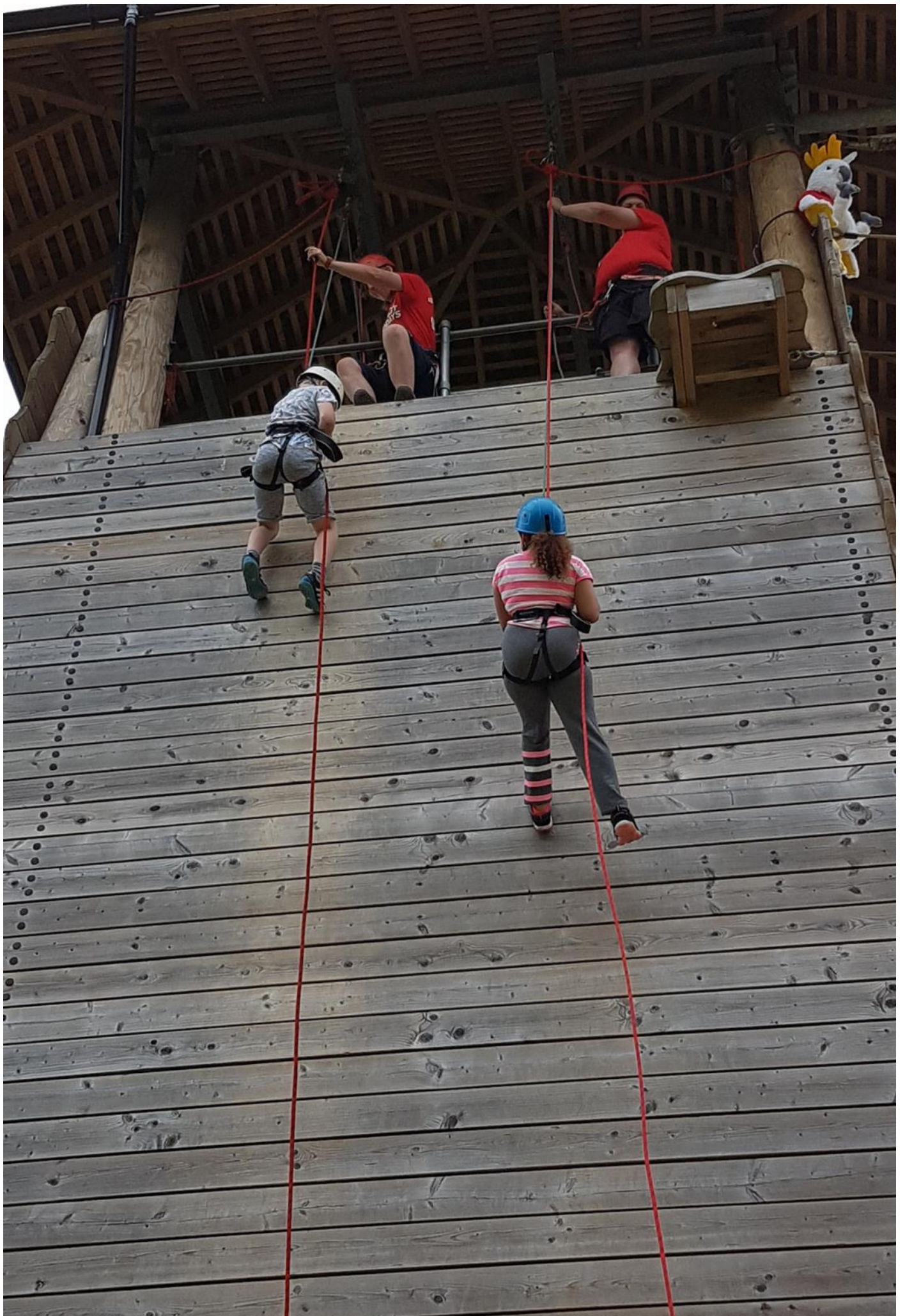
Investments

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Hardship

The Group believes that every child can benefit from Scouting and seeks not to exclude anyone on financial grounds. The Group therefore has a policy, and budgeted expenditure, which seeks to ensure we support any family in financial hardship who are struggling to pay for activities, including through payment plans and discounts.





(2019/20 as of 31st January 2020, 2020/21 as of 31st January 2021)

Section	2019/20	2020/21	Increase/Decrease
Beavers	9	2	-77%
Cubs	19	15	-21%
Scouts	19	22	+16%
Adults	14	14	+0%
Total	61	53	-13%



Group Scout Leader's Report

I needn't say it, but this year has been a year like no other. The restrictions have chopped and changed each day, and so we had to adapt Scouting to fit around them. This has been especially difficult for us as Scouts because we are a 'doing' organisation, and not at our best sat in front of a screen.

We were clear from the beginning that giving young people a taste of routine, a sense of belonging, and allowing them to continue to grow was something we could and should do. We stepped up and ran a variety of remote activities, each of them still contributing towards our mission of developing young people. We held a virtual camp, we had amazing remote visitors, and we delivered badges. And when restrictions eased in Autumn, we quickly rallied together to deliver something face-to-face whilst we still could.

The commitment of our wonderful volunteer team cannot be understated. Each of them faced their own challenges, in their family or work lives, because of the restrictions on us all. Despite this, they continued to selflessly give their time for the benefit of our members. I am incredibly grateful for the support they've all given and continue to give. And I am very positive about our growing volunteering team moving forward.

The most important people in 51st Bath Scout Group are our young people, and they cannot go without a special mention in this report. They have shown huge resilience and commitment throughout a year when everything changed for them, and far too much was asked of them. I hope taking part in our activities brightened their days, because their upbeat spirits, glorious bakes and imaginative home shelters sure brightened mine.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "A.L. Russell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Group Chair's Report

This is the first time I have the pleasure of contributing to the Annual Report as Group Chair. In the previous financial year I was Group Secretary and I took over as Chair from Lisa Hayward at our last AGM. I would like to thank Lisa once again for all of her hard work and dedication to our leadership team over the past few years.

I am very proud to say that despite the obvious challenges of the past year we have been able to offer a program of Scouting. Through a combination of regular virtual sessions and some face-to-face Scouting (where regulations have permitted) we have been able to run a program for our young people that has kept in line with our constitution, purpose and values. Lots of groups haven't been able to do this for a wide variety of reasons, and I want to use this report to recognise and thank the different volunteers that have made this possible because it has taken a lot of hard work, determination and selflessness.

Firstly, on behalf of the Trustees, I want to thank our incredibly dedicated section leaders, section assistants and parent helpers for creatively organising and leading section nights for our young people with really heartening levels of engagement. From the feedback we have received from parents, there was a fantastic balance of our young people still being able to get a sense of adventure, keep connected with their friends and learn new skills without getting 'zoomed out' and overloaded.

Next, I want to say thanks to our Group Scout Leader, Ashley, for his tireless efforts of leading his team of section leaders and working with the Trustees to navigate us throughout all of the unknowns of the past year. At each twist and turn Ashley has worked without complaint as the link between the section leaders, the Trustees and the District community of Scouts in a way that can only be described as inspiring. Simply put, without Ashley there would be no 51st Bath Scouts and it's hard to put into words how much he gives our Group.

Finally, I would like to call out the work the Trustees have been doing and thank them for their efforts in keeping our Group running. They operate 'behind the scenes' and often this type of work can go unnoticed. In this last year in particular, lots of essential hard work went into the governance, risk management and financial aspects to keep our group running.

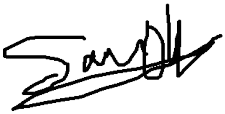
Trustees' Approval

The Trustees would like to give special thanks to all the volunteers who give up their time, without remuneration, to allow the young people of 51st Bath (and wider Scouting) to go on some brilliant adventures, try new things and learn some extremely valuable skills for life.

The Trustees would also like to recognise the families of both our young people, who enable them to take part in our adventures, and our volunteers who put up with the time they dedicate to their voluntary work.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam Ollason', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sam Ollason

Group Chair

22/07/2021



Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the Year Ended 5th April 2021

Receipts

	£			£		
	2020/2021			2019/2020		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Turnover						
Membership Subscriptions						
Beavers	145.00	-	145.00	770.00	-	770.00
Cubs	1,030.00	-	1,030.00	1,584.00	-	1,584.00
Scouts	1,115.00	-	1,115.00	1,404.00	-	1,404.00
Total Membership Subscriptions	2,290.00	-	2,290.00	3,758.00	-	3,758.00
Uniform Sales	-	-	-	34.00	-	34.00
Event Income						
Event - Donations/Grants ¹	540.00	1,320.00	1,860.00	-	-	-
Event - Fees	60.00	-	60.00	2,785.68	-	2,785.68
Total Event Income	600.00	1,320.00	1,920.00	2,785.68	-	2,785.68
Fundraising Income						
Gift Aid	792.25		792.25	-	-	-
General Donations	-		-	288.23	-	288.23
Total Fundraising Income	792.25		792.25	288.23	-	288.23
Grant Income						
Grant - Systems	-	105.98	105.98	-	67.98	67.98
Total Grant Income	-	105.98	105.98	-	67.98	67.98
Total Turnover	3,682.25	1,425.98	5,108.23	6,865.91	67.98	6,933.89

Receipts and Payments Accounts

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Payments

	£			£		
	2020/2021			2019/2020		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Operating Costs						
Membership Capitation	1,852.50	-	1,852.50	1,880.00	-	1,880.00
Event Costs						
Event - Activities	-	-	-	588.00	-	588.00
Event - Food	-	-	-	321.28	-	321.28
Event - General Expense	-	-	-	1,860.00	-	1,860.00
Event - Refunds ¹	-	1,320.00	1,320.00	45.00	-	45.00
Event - Transport	-	-	-	480.25	-	480.25
Total Event Costs	-	1,320.00	1,320.00	3,294.53	-	3,294.53
Section Costs						
Activity Costs						
Activity Provider Fees	50.00	-	50.00	168.40	-	168.40
Sectional/Activity Resources	44.39	-	44.39	314.46	-	314.46
Total Activity Costs	94.39	-	94.39	482.86	-	482.86
Badges	178.88	-	178.88	91.96	-	91.96
Total Section Costs	273.27	-	273.27	574.82	-	574.82
Group Costs						
Gifts - all sections	-	-	-	73.83	-	73.83
Grants & Hardship						
Hardship - Membership Fees	63.00	-	63.00	34.00	-	34.00
Total Grants & Hardship	63.00	-	63.00	34.00	-	34.00
Group Equipment	90.32	-	90.32	45.13	-	45.13
Hall Hire	260.00	-	260.00	1,050.00	-	1,050.00
Insurance²	91.44	-	91.44	-	-	-
Marketing	74.16	-	74.16	77.71	-	77.71
Software	312.72	105.98	418.70	239.20	67.98	307.18
Volunteer-Incurred						
Volunteer Sustenance	-	-	-	61.11	-	61.11
Volunteer Travel	-	-	-	31.40	-	31.40
Total Volunteer-Incurred	-	-	-	92.51	-	92.51
Total Group Costs	891.64	105.98	997.62	1,612.38	67.98	1,680.36

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Payments (continued)

	£			£		
	2020/2021			2019/2020		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Uniform Purchase	48.00	-	48.00	325.20	-	325.20
Total Operating Costs	3,065.41	1,425.98	4,491.39	7,686.93	67.98	7,754.91
Gross Surplus/(Deficit)	616.84	-	616.84	(821.02)	-	(821.02)
Selling and Distribution Costs						
<i>Payment Collection</i>						
OSM Fees	40.55	-	40.55	113.35	-	113.35
Payment Service Fees	24.58	-	24.58	65.65	-	65.65
Total Payment Collection	65.13	-	65.13	179.00	-	179.00
Total Selling and Distribution Costs	65.13	-	65.13	179.00	-	179.00
Administrative Costs						
Fees Out to District	-	-	-	-	3,732.00	3,732.00
Total Administrative Costs	-	-	-	-	3,732.00	3,732.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	551.71	-	551.71	(1,000.02)	(3,732.00)	(4,732.02)
Surplus Brought Forward	794.76	-	794.76	1,794.78	3,732.00	5,526.78
	1,346.47	-	1,346.47	794.76	-	794.76

¹ The 'Events - Donations and Grants' and 'Events - Refunds' figure refer to the same event. The reason for these not being the same are: Bath Scouts were going to offer us a rebate on the fee for each young person attending. The Trustees decided to charge the event fee to our members as if the rebate was a discount. Therefore we received less from our members than we were invoiced for the event (with the expected rebate making up the difference). When the event was cancelled we received back the full fees and refunded our members what they paid.

² The Trustees were in the process of renewing insurance for 2019/2020 at the time of the 2019/2020 Annual Report publication.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

For the Year Ended 5th April 2021


	£			£		
	2020/2021			2019/2020		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Cash Funds						
Lloyds Treasurer's Account ¹	1,324.81	-	1,324.81	668.09	-	668.09
Cash	1.00	-	1.00	151.00	-	151.00
Expense Cards	20.66	-	20.66	20.66	-	20.66
Stripe	-	-	-	(45.00)	-	(45.00)
Sub-total	1,346.47	-	1,346.47	794.75	-	794.75
Non-Monetary Assets						
Badge/Uniform Stock	386.29	-	386.29	373.53	-	373.53
Sub-total	386.29	-	386.29	373.53	-	373.53
Total	1,732.76	-	1,732.76	1,168.28	-	1,168.28
Liabilities						
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Assets	1,732.76	-	1,732.76	1,168.28	-	1,168.28

¹ Due to timing differences, the cash balance reflected in the 'Statements of Assets and Liabilities' is £1,966.95 lower than shown on the bank statements due to payments made after year-end on 6th April 2021 but accounted for in Xero in the financial period ending 5th April 2021. These payments relate to City of Bath Scouts (£1,852.50), Joe's Bows section event (£50.00) and Badges expenses (£64.45).

Approval by Trustees

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 22/07/2021.

and signed on their behalf by:



Sam Ollason
Group Chair



Lil Weiss
Group Treasurer

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of 51st Bath Scout Group Council

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 5th April 2021.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 12 to 14.

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gavin Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'G' and a stylized 'K'.

Gavin Kelly ACA FCCA

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15/10/2021

A close-up photograph of a young boy with light brown hair, looking down intently at marshmallows being roasted over a campfire. He is wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt. The background is blurred, showing a large tree trunk and a hint of another person in a red shirt. The overall mood is warm and nostalgic.

***No one looks back on their life and
remembers the nights they had
plenty of sleep.***

The Scouts logo, featuring a stylized fleur-de-lis.

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