



9th Muswell Hill

Annual Report 2020

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Annual General Meeting 2020

Date/ Time: Monday 4th October 2021 from 8pm

Venue: Ben Nevis Hall, Scout Park

Agenda

- 1) Welcome and Introduction**
- 2) Apologies for Absence**
- 3) Approve Minutes of Previous AGM**
- 4) Group Report**
- 5) Treasurer's Report**
- 6) To appoint the Group Chair**
- 7) To elect/re-elect the following officers**
 - 7.1- Group Secretary**
 - 7.2- Group Treasurer**
- 8) Appoint the Independent Examiner for the coming year**
- 9) To elect members to the Executive Committee**
- 10) To approve the co-opted members to the Executive Committee**
- 11) AOB**
- 12) Presentations and Closing Remarks**

Group Chair's Report

Thank you for attending the AGM of the 9th Muswell Hill Scout Group. We trust you and your families have remained well and healthy through this tumultuous period.

As you know the group delivers a multitude of life skills and enjoyment for our children with our volunteer leaders and helpers providing invaluable skills and time to enhance the experience for all. Unfortunately, as you are aware, the Spring term ended abruptly when the whole country went into lockdown on the 23 March 2020 which precluded most of our planned face to face activities for the Members through-out 2020 given the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic.

Notwithstanding this, our leaders swiftly adapted to online scouting via Google classrooms. We have had strong participation on the online scouting forum. The section leaders and Group Scout Leader are to be applauded in meeting the challenges over the last year and provided some interesting alternative scouting activities as outlined in the respective section reports.

Regardless of the various lockdowns during 2020 the Group was able to facilitate some face to face scouting following the initial lockdown in the Autumn term with meetings taking place outdoors at scout park with social distancing and risk assessments in place whilst maintaining the hands, face and space mantra and creation of distinct bubble groups. These sessions were a welcome relief to both leaders and our young people.

Given the restrictions the Group Minibus was placed into storage with all scheduled camps, weekend trips and other activities for scouting from March 2020 being cancelled and refunded; further tentative plans following the lockdown easing in the summer of 2020 were also placed on hold.

Dan Sheehan, our Group Scout Leader, continues to enhance the Group's strong successful position and particularly stepped up to the mark in moving the Group online dealing with all the IT challenges that brings coupled with the invaluable support of our Section Leaders.

Indeed our Section Leaders remained indispensable to ensuring the ongoing success of the weekly meetings both face to face and online. Their extensive enthusiasm, experience and commitment in delivering activities during these challenging times thorough-out the year is outlined in their respective section reports.

The Group accounts can be viewed online which provide a snapshot of our financial position to December 2020 and it is a credit to our Treasurer, David Turnbull, and our robust committee that we were able to adapt our financial position in keeping the Group viable during the challenging COVID-19 period. The support of the parents in this regard has been hugely appreciated with their positive responses to our requests for increasing the subscriptions in the Autumn 2020 term to address maintaining the Group and the minibus without slippage into deficit.

I am now stepping down as Chair having served in the position for 6 years and feel confident that I am leaving the Group in a strong position going forward with a supportive committee and leadership team which will undoubtedly continue to maintain and enhance the Group. It has been a pleasure to serve the 9th Muswell Hill Scout Group and I will continue to support the Group as a parent as I have my boys in Cubs and Scouts at the moment.

Bally Geddes
Group Chair

Group Scout Leaders Report

I would usually use this report to highlight some of the wide range of exciting Scouting activities that have taken place across the Group during the year, but as we all know, 2020 looked very different in many ways.

Prior to lockdown we had a busy start to the year including Winter Camp at Gilwell Park and an Expedition Challenge Wild Camp in the South Downs. During the February half term the Cubs embarked on a week long camp in the New Forest. With activities such as climbing, mountain biking and hiking it was the first time we had run a long-form residential with this age Group and it proved to be a real success.

The leaders were mid way through their final planning meeting for the Summer term when news reached us that all Scouting Activities had been suspended from the 17th March. At this point all section meetings, trips, camps and expeditions were shelved and a very different plan was hastily put in place.

My report always includes a note of thanks to the leadership team but this year the enthusiasm and commitment and teamwork they have shown through this difficult period has been exceptional and even more deserving of acknowledgment. Despite around 80 years of combined experience in the leadership team, not one of us had ever run an online meeting so it was rather a steep learning curve for everyone!

We are also hugely grateful to the young people for sticking with it for much longer than any of us could have anticipated. We know full well this wasn't what you signed up for when you joined Scouting. Our online activities saw an attendance rate of over 85% and regardless of the many challenges the Group has continued to thrive with growth of 10% meaning all 5 sections remained full throughout- head and shoulders above both the local and national picture.

Even in the best of times during the year, restrictions meant that the Group Programme was rather limited. The Group did however come together for an online Remembrance Sunday event in place of our annual public parade. This was a very special occasion that saw over 100 young people paying their respects online together. My thanks to Adrian and Fu for helping make this possible in an incredibly short time scale.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to Bally who steps down as Group Chair at this meeting. Bally has been in the role for a number of years now, having started during a very challenging period for the Group. Governance is crucial to the smooth running of any Scout Group and the strong position Bally and the committee she leads as Chair has not only allowed us to facilitate a busy and valuable programme but has been crucial in coming out of 2020 as well as we have.

I am incredibly proud of the way the 9th Muswell Hill has come through this extraordinary period and indebted to so many people who have made that possible. We already have huge plans for 2021 welcoming more young people, more adventurous activities, more nights away and more Skills for Life gained during what we all hope will be a much more normal year.

Dan Sheehan
Group Scout Leader

Beaver Scouts Report

The 9th Muswell Hill Beaver Scouts had another successful year in 2020. Our numbers have remained steady at 20 with all Beavers continuing on Cubs and many completing the Chief Scout Bronze award- top award for the Beaver Section.

Returning after Christmas to the Church Hall for indoor meetings Beavers worked on essential life skills such as shoe laces, completed their Health and Fitness Badges, had a visit from a professional actor for a Drama Workshop as well as firm favourites such as craft activities and pancake making.

The Spring Term saw Beavers moving online while “staying at home”. You may think that an online programme for 6-8 year olds would be a little challenging and you would indeed be right! Despite the challenges an exciting array of activities were offered including origami, birdwatching, lego building and cartoon drawing with challenge and activity badges continuing to be earned throughout. Cooking proved very popular and featured several times in the programme and we also had a great night virtually visiting an Alpaca Farm followed by investing an Alpaca into the 9th Muswell Hill Beaver Colony.

Back at Scout Park in person after lockdown eased we focused on more adventurous activities enjoying being back out in the Great Outdoors! .

We also squeezed in a Water Day at ESSA taking part in both Sailing and Paddle Boarding which was great fun for all the Beavers.

Natalia Scorer
Section Leader- Beaver Scouts

Cub Scouts Report

Tuesday Cubs

2020! Wow!

We were really lucky to get a cub camp in the new forest before lockdown kicked in. Spending a week in the new forest, Karaoke, climbing, axe throwing, swimming cycling and hiking and making pizza in an outdoor pizza oven. Looking back it was great that we managed to get that in before lockdown as it gave a recent reference to our Young People to understand what we do and to look forward to it again.

Lockdown was a challenge, the technology, me as a Leader finding ways to engage the Cubs. My company was going through changes and the challenges of volunteering and covid crisis remote-work for all of us took their toll on our time.

The difference between spending face to face time teaching them in groups, then going online all at once and trying to get them engaged was not easy, we did a variety of things: show and tell, loose chat and bonding, Escape rooms, Study Badges like Fire and Home Safety, Disabilities. And some "Drawings with Rob!" Each cub was engaged and disengaged according to the evening, there was some trial and error and some unknowns as we had not done this before and didn't know if some ideas worked or not. I did this for the YP, but honestly, I found it somehow, much harder to engage them.

As soon as the lockdown lifted, we were back at Scout Park doing Scouting fundamentals, fires, cooking on fires, knifework, axe-work and social distanced wide games. We managed a day trip to ESSA where the Cubs had a sailing and kayak experience and a Cub Day during half term where we cooked on the BBQ and constructed a playground adventure structure with the pioneering poles.

We could not do what we did without Dan Sheehan as GSL and my amazing team of ACSLs. It was a team effort for both scheduling and morale!

Elliot Moore

Section Leader- Cub Scouts (Tuesday)

Thursday Cubs

A year unlike any other in my 14th year as a leader. Three things stand out:

Teamwork – having an enthusiastic team of leaders all with different skills has never been so important. Fu with his amazing visual productions (Remembrance Sunday, Escape Room, Quizzes), Lucy with her creativity (Draw with Bob, Treasure Hunt, Nature trail collage), Neal with his “Can do” approach (Sleep outside nights, Egg challenge, Easter videos), Ella with her calm communication (Science night) and Dan of course with his techy skills to bring everything to life either online or in the flesh. Thank you so much to all my wonderful team. Without you Thursday Cubs are nothing.

Adaptability – the Cubs have shown amazing adaptability to engage in all the online activities and tell us all about their successes and amazing hobbies. I loved seeing Theo’s photos of Spring developing in his garden; Sammy’s self-made wooden swing inspired by our whittling night at Scout Park and all the Cubs peeling vegetables for their Good Turn Diary. Well done!

Determination – In what has been our most challenging year everyone’s determination to deliver a fun and educational programme for our Cubs has shone through. I feel truly humbled to be a part of this amazing Group of leaders and young people.

Thank you once again.

Adrian Haysome
Section Leader- Cub Scouts (Thursday)

Scouts Report

Our two Troops; Tuesday Scouts (Lead by Richard, Rob and Chris) and Thursday Scouts (Lead by Nigel, Simon and Katherine) continued to work closely together operating a shared programme and coming together for our one Scout camp of the year and our self-organised Chiltern Hike. Strange times.

This has been a challenging year for everyone. Like all sections within 9th Muswell Hill, Scouts adapted and converted to a virtual delivery from March onwards. However we did manage to squeeze in a Winter Camp, Wild Camping in the Sussex Hills and Pool based Kayaking Sessions.

Our Scout meetings before the first lockdown had us playing hungry hippos, improving our personal negotiation skills and a growing focus on our Scouts taking the lead as part of an on-duty patrol rota that would be tasked with leading the Promise, the laws, an initial game and general help that session.

As we entered into the new lockdown reality - Scouts transitioned to a hastily constructed schedule of Virtual meetings where we delivered lockdown Knot work, Online games, escape rooms, the phonetic alphabet, cake-in-a-cup, kims game, skittles rainbow and so much more. I believe the real value of these sessions was in offering some connection with normality and maybe the reassurance of regular meetings that weren't school or family zoom sessions.

As the first lockdown eased we were f-2-f (in a restricted fashion) as soon as possible and we fitted in some much needed burning of things, Pyramid Attack, footgolf, fireworks and even ran our own 9MH Hike in the Chilterns.

The second Lockdown took us through to Xmas.

It's been a difficult year but we have learned a lot and look forward to a hopefully more normal 2021.

Richard Groves & Nigel Laurens
Section Leaders - Scouts

Treasurer's Report

9th MUSWELL HILL SCOUT GROUP Receipts and Payments Account - 2020

Receipts and payments

	2019			2020		
	Funds: Unrestricted £	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted £	Restricted	Total
Receipts						
Donations, legacies and similar income						
Membership subscriptions	15,285	-	15,285	14,502	-	14,502
Less: Membership subs paid on (National/County/Area/District)	(4,305)	-	(4,305)	(4,538)	-	(4,538)
Net membership subscriptions retained	10,980	-	10,980	9,965	-	9,965
Donations	-	1,600	1,600	-	-	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	3,252	-	3,252	3,353	-	3,353
Other similar income	-	-	-	100	-	100
Sub total	14,231	1,600	15,831	13,418	-	13,418
Grants						
Maintenance grant	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising						
Fundraising	1,219	-	1,219	186	-	186
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,219	-	1,219	186	-	186
Investment income						
Bank interest	451	-	451	499	-	499
Building Society interest	-	-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	-	-
Property Rent income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	451	-	451	499	-	499
Total Gross Income	15,902	1,600	17,502	14,103	-	14,103
Asset and investment sales, etc.	6,000	-	6,000	-	-	-
Total receipts	21,902	1,600	23,502	14,103	-	14,103

**9th MUSWELL HILL SCOUT GROUP
Receipts and Payments Account - 2020**

Receipts and payments

	2019			2020		
	Funds: Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Payments						
Charitable Payments						
Youth programme and activities	1,607	-	1,607	1,655	-	1,655
Adult support and training	101	-	101	1,224	-	1,224
Rent	4,450	-	4,450	2,475	-	2,475
Minibus (net) - excluding fuel	9,605	-	9,605	4,426	-	4,426
Electricity and Gas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	392	-	392	400	-	400
Repairs and Renewals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and equipment (net)	445	-	445	390	-	390
Transaction & App Fees (collecting payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Printing and photocopying (includes stationery, postage)	244	-	244	9	-	9
IT	169	-	169	136	-	136
Contribution to camp (and other such activities) costs	(2,106)	-	(2,106)	(1,705)	-	(1,705)
Uniforms (and badges)	2,027	-	2,027	1,699	-	1,699
AGM and trustee expenses	870	-	870	60	-	60
Other	-	-	-	47	-	47
Sub total	18,006		18,006	10,818		10,818
Fundraising expenses						
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	18,006		18,006	10,818		10,818
Asset and investment purchases, etc.						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	18,006		18,006	10,818		10,818
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,695	1,600	5,495	3,285		3,285
Cash funds last year end	8,114		8,114	12,009	1,600	13,609
Cash funds this year end	12,009	1,600	13,609	15,294	1,600	16,894

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31 Dec 2019			31 Dec 2020			
	Funds:	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds							
Bank current account		12,009	1,600	13,609	15,295	1,600	16,895
Bank deposit account		1	-	1			
Building society account		-	-	-			
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		-	-	-			
Cash/Floats		-	-	-			
Total cash funds Total cash funds		12,010	1,600	13,610	15,295	1,600	16,895
Other monetary assets							
Tax claim			-	-		-	-
Balance in badge account			-	-		-	-
Insurance claim			-	-		-	-
Sub total		-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment assets							
Investment property - detail		-	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments		-	-	-	-	-	-
CAF investment value at 31.1.19 and 31.1.20		15,584	-	15,584	15,717	-	15,717
Sub total		15,584	-	15,584	15,717	-	15,717
Non monetary assets for charity's own use							
Badge stock		-	-	-	-	-	-
Shop stock		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other stock		-	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings		-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicles		-	-	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total		-	-	-	-	-	-
Liabilities							
Accounts not yet paid		-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced		-	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid		-	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities		-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total		-	-	-	-	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

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Print Name

	Chairman
	Treasurer

Annex: Breakdown of minibus expenditure

	2020		Total £
	Receipts £	Payments £	
Minibus			
Minibus income	330	-	330
Minibus insurance	729	(1,151)	(421)
Minibus lease	-	(4,022)	(4,022)
Minibus upkeep	-	(313)	(313)
Total	1,059	(5,485)	(4,426)

Scrutineer's Statement

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the

9TH MUSWELL HILL SCOUT GROUP SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 31ST December 2020

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District'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/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages to

Scrutineer's Statement

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

Name: ...Evelyn BoulFMAAT.....

Address: 34 Roman Road

..... Basingstoke

..... Hants.....



Date: 9TH March 2021

Appendix 1: 2020 AGM Minutes

MINUTES

Annual General Meeting

Held online

Monday 29th June 2020 from 7:30pm.

Attendees:

Balbinder Kaur Geddes (Chair)
Dan Sheehan (GSL)
Jack Timbrell (Secretary)
David Turnbull (Treasurer)
Maud West
Monty Oliver
Natalia Scorer (Section Leader- Beaver Scouts)
Elliot Moore (Section Leader- Cub Scouts Tuesday)
Nigel Lurnes (Section Leader- Scouts Thursday)
Richard Groves (Section Leader- Scouts Tuesday)
Philip Hogg
Jozefina Komporaly
Paul Barnard (Group Quartermaster)
Nige Barton White (Group Scout Active Support Coordinator)
Sian Williams
Martin Linsey (Acting District Commissioner)

Apologies for absence:

- 1) **Welcome**
Balbinder Kaur Geddes (Bally) welcomed everyone to the meeting especially during these strange times and that it is a first for all of us doing an AGM online.
- 2) **Apologies for absence**
No apologies for absence were given
- 3) **Approve Minutes of last AGM meeting**
The minutes were approved by a vote.

15 Approvals
1 Abstention
0 Rejections
- 4) **Group Report**
Bally directed everyone to the Annual Report that had been distributed by email prior to the meeting for full details on 2019s activities. She went on to say the brilliant fun the young people are having in all the camps and events their leaders were putting on and thanked them for their continuing hard work. In 2019 the Group held its own Summer Fete at Scout Park which was a very enjoyable day, but plans for any future ones were on hold.

Daniel Sheehan then spoke about how successful the year had been for the group too, reflected in a 10% growth in youth members and 7% in adults as well as the group doing more nights away than they ever had

before. More than half the year was spent outside doing activities too. He also thanked the leaders for their amazing work and in particular how they had risen to the challenges of moving it online as we went into lockdown. He also spoke about the return to normal scouting as Headquarters had released their guidelines and the leaders were currently going through it to make a plan for the group, details of which would be released in due course. His highlight of the year was the Group Camp at Brownsea Island to celebrate the Group's 50th Birthday.

Natalia Scorer (Beaver Scout Leader) spoke about Beaver's year, having a strong number of Beavers throughout the year and managing to do lots of outdoor activities at Scout Park. Highlights were a night hike around Alexandra Park, a Water Activity Day at ESSA and all the camps and sleepovers they have done.

Elliott Moore (Cub Scout Leader) thanked his fellow leaders across both the packs for their help and hard work. The cubs have made good progress on their badgework.

Nigel Laurens (Scout Leader) talked about what the scouts had been up to, thanking the two key leaders during 2019 Richard Groves for running Tuesday Scouts and Siobhan Nicolas for Thursday Scouts. Each of the troops work together on the programme to mirror each other and they had a large emphasis on the outdoors with two thirds of the year taking place outside. This has given them the chance to do fire lighting, backwards cooking and many more adventurous activities. They have pushed the young people on the social and team building skills. The scouts are now involved in the maintenance of the group's equipment to help them take ownership of it. As always Winter Camp was a particular highlight, they also did a cycle expedition as part of their badgework.

5) **Treasurer's Report**

David introduced the formal accounts which were broken down in full in the Annual Report. He thanked Evelyn Boulton who has scrutinised this year's accounts. David summarised the accounts pointing out the effect that the purchase of the minibus and payments had on the accounts.

This was then approved by vote.

18 Approvals

1 Abstention

0 Rejections

6) **Appoint a Chair**

Dan nominated Bally to remain as Chair, she stated this would be her last year and planned to handover during the course of it.

7) **Election of the following Officials**

a) Secretary – It was stated that Jack was standing down and that the group was looking for someone to take over. Maud Waret later expressed an interest and after the meeting has agreed to take on the position, this is subject to the normal Scout Association process.

b) Treasurer – David Turnbull was willing to stand again and was voted in as Chair.

18 Approvals

1 Abstention

0 Rejections

8) **Appoint the Independent Examiner for the coming year**

David proposed that we ask Evelyn Boulton to carry this out. This was then approved by vote.

18 Approvals

1 Abstention

0 Rejections

9) **Election of other members to the Committee**

The following members were reelected to the committee;

Cubs (Tues) – Simon Oliver

Cubs (Tues) Parent Rep – Maria Allo Fernandez

Scouts (Thurs) Parent Rep – Philip Hogg

Scouts (Thurs) Parent Rep – Louise Bailey

Dan pointed out that we are looking for a Beaver Parent Representative to join the committee too.

17 Approvals

0 Abstention

0 Rejections

10) Approve Nominated Members

The meeting then voted to approve the following positions;

Quartermaster – Paul Barnard

18 Approvals

0 Abstention

0 Rejections

Group Scout Active Support Coordinator - Nige Barton-White

18 Approvals

1 Abstention

1 Rejections

11) Approve Co-opted Members

The meeting agreed to approve those listed below to be co-opted members of the committee;

Sian Williams

18 Approvals

0 Abstention

0 Rejections

12) Contribution from representatives of North London Scout District

Martin Linsey, Acting District Commissioner for North London Scout District, spoke to the AGM and thanked the group and all its leaders and members for what they have achieved over the past 12 months. He stated that the group is one of the largest and most active in the District.

13) Any Other Business

Bally thanked Jack for his help and support over the past few years and everything he has done behind the scenes. And open the meeting up to any questions the parents may have.

Laura Richmond asked about how confident we were of reopening the group in September in line with the current regulations and making payments on the minibus with the future looking uncertain. Dan stated that the Scout Association had just given guidance on this and a local plan for the group would be drawn up based on this, we would be going back in a phased way with group sizes slowly building up and also camps etc not happening in the near future. David answered about the minibus and explained that we can continue to make payments until the end of the year but the group would need to reexamine it.

Bally thanked the leaders and volunteers for their immense contribution to the group whatever their role. And most importantly thanked Dan for all his hard work especially in running this meeting and the voting. Bally closed the meeting by thanking everyone for taking part

Meeting closed at 20:30

#GoodForYou



Volunteering goes both ways.

It's good for them, and it's good for you.

#SkillsForLife

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