# 1st Broughton Gifford and Holt Scout Group

## **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

for the year ending

31st March 2021

Charity Number 1053473

## 1<sup>st</sup> Broughton Gifford and Holt Scout Group

#### Trustees' Annual Report for the year to 31 March 2021

## Section A Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity as set out in its governing document	The objectives of the group is as a unit of the Scout Association.  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.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	The Group main function is to support the sections in achieving the aims of the Scout Association. As a Group the main activities during the last twelve months have been:   • Significant fundraising • Grant Applications • Purchasing new equipment to support new programme • Equipment servicing and renewal • Hut maintenance  The Provision of Scouting within the Group is totally dependent on the contribution made by volunteers.
Public Benefit	The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit on deciding what activities the charity should undertake.  Membership subscriptions are charged to cover the immediate running costs of the Group and these do not unduly restrict membership. The Group follows the principle that no one should be excluded because of their inability to pay membership subscriptions  Two key principles demonstrate scouting's aims are for the public benefit are that through the scout method young people develop towards their full potential and there is a clear link between the benefits for young people and the purpose of scouting. The safety of young people is taken very seriously and the benefits scouting activities provide far outweigh the risks. Any private benefits from scouting are incidental, other than to those as beneficiary.

## Section B Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	The Executive Committee has maintained fund raising throughout this difficult year. Gift Aid and grant applications have been successful, with hut maintenance still on going. It has been wonderful to see all our sections continuing to provide scouting during these very challenging times. The leaders have been extremely
	resourceful and provided activities in a variety of different ways. We must also thank our amazing parents who have stuck with us throughout. With their help and the generosity of Wiltshire Council with an exceptional

COVID support Grant we are in an excellent position to	
resume full face to face scouting when the time is right.	

#### Section C Financial review

Policy on Reserves	The Group policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the district should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, approximately.  The Group held free reserves of approximately £3750 against this at year-end
Further financial review details	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

## Section D Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	The Group 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 the charity is constituted	The 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
Additional governance issues	The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the "Charity Trustees" of the Scout Group that 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 applicable
	The committee consist of 15 Independent members who meet 6 times a year  Ex – officio 10
	Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Group Scout Leader  Nominated 5 Elected Members
	This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Leaders in meeting the responsibilities of their 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.

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered

#### Section E Reference and administration details

Charity Name	1st Broughton Gifford & Holt Scout Group
Charity Number	1053473
Charity's principal address	The Scout Hut, The Common, Broughton Gifford, Melksham, SN12 8LX

## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year
	Ex Officio		
1	Anne Cranham	Chairperson	April-June 2020
2	Guy Mason	Chairperson	September - present
3	Sharon Butler	Secretary	
4	Alison Crawley	Treasurer	
5	John Lister	Group Scout Leader + Acting Chair June- September 2020	
6	Jon Giles	Beaver Leader	
7	Jade Hurn	Cub Leader	
8	Claire Francis	Explorer Leader	
9	Georgina Szanto	Scout Leader	
10	Toby Crawley	Quartermaster	
11	Rosie Payne	Booking Secretary	
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	Nominated		
	Pete Ellis		
	Rachel Aherne		
	Charlotte Yates		
	Andy Strange		
	Claire Hall		
	Elected		

#### Name and address of advisor

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Sheila Gardner	6 Crandon Lea, Holt, Trowbridge BA14 6QX

## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature	13.
Full name	Sharon Butler
Position held	Group Secretary
Date	1 12/1/21

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