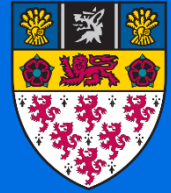


Scouts



10th Warrington (Sankey St Mary's)



Building progress



The old amenity block has been demolished to make way for the new one

Andy Cawley

Over the past year we have made good progress with our 'Big Build' project. In October 2020 we secured planning permission to replace the dilapidated portacabin with a more robust breeze block, wooden clad, insulated structure incorporating a new kitchen and three new toilets (one fully accessible).

The next challenge was to accelerate our fundraising activities to pay for the works (see Fundraising section). To enable this, we obtained multiple quotes from builders, roofing contractors and building control companies to ensure we were getting a good deal.

In April 2021, our committee agreed to commence the works. We appointed

Northwest Demolition Ltd to safely demolish the old portacabin, allowing the site to be cleared ahead of ground works and building activity commencing.

Across May and June 2021, we finalised the internal layout with our designer **JD Architectural Services** and the detailed design drawings were completed.

Our preferred builder has now finalised his quote, and we have agreement with WBC over their building control costs.

We anticipate awarding contract soon with the works starting late July 2021 and taking 3- 4 months to complete.

Chairman's Report

Andy Cawley (Acting Chair)

I must first start by thanking our previous Chairman Kev Foote for his many years of service to our group. Kev led the committee and worked tirelessly driving the group forwards and often managed things in the background to keep our scout hut in good working order - a safe and secure place that we could all be proud of. Thanks Kev!

The past year has been extremely tough for so many of us, and I recognise the individual challenges, stresses and strains you may have faced. It has been far from easy, and I know we are all hoping and praying for the world to return to some sort of normality as quickly as possible.



However, one thing I've been extremely proud of is the determination, hard work and effort that all our section leaders (alongside their helpers - both adult and young aspiring leaders) went to, to adapt delivering home computer-based zoom sessions week in, week out.

I'd personally like to thank each and every one of you for keeping your children actively engaged in the sessions over the past year. The technology was new to me, but I was hugely impressed with how quickly the

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Fundraising update

Ed Barnard

Despite the interruptions to our ambitions for fundraising events in 2020, your fundraising group has continued to work hard to find ways to pay for the new kitchen and toilet facilities (see section on Big Build). While some of our events such as the Afternoon Tea have unfortunately not been able to go ahead, we have still managed to run the spring and Christmas plant sales, along with some other initiatives. As restrictions are gradually lifted, we hope to get back to running more face to face events in order to raise the cash we need for the new building.

The scale of the project means going beyond the generosity of friends and family and seeking contributions from the wider community, local businesses and charitable organisations. We are therefore very pleased to have gained the support of several charitable trusts who have made substantial pledges of financial support. We also look forward to promoting our prestigious “Buy a Block” scheme over the coming months as a way of asking the local community to invest in this local project. I would like to thank all those who have

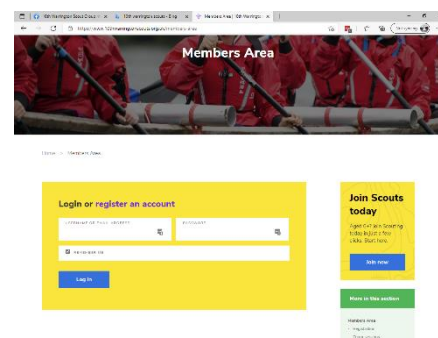
supported the fundraising effort over the last year. Whether through donations and sales or the commitment of time and effort to support our events, all contributions are gratefully received and are vital if we are to succeed in replacing the amenity block for the Scout Hut.

Don't forget about all the free ways you can help us raise funds; donate old clothes, Amazon Smile, The Giving Machine and easyfundraising. Tell your family and friends. All details on our website at:

10thwarringtonscouts.org.uk/fundraising/how-to-donate-for-free



New website features



Thanks to some hard work by our Assistant Scout Leader and Assistant Group Scout Leader, Andy Bent, our website is looking great.

We hope you have found our new online shop convenient to use for our winter plant sale and group clothing. We are looking to make more use of this in future, hopefully with the online payment feature working.

Another new feature coming soon is a Members area, which will be useful for sharing important documents and will be essential reading for those new to the group.

You can see the new features at... www.10thwarringtonscouts.org.uk

Clothing



It was great to see that the recent group clothing orders were so popular. If you missed out then don't worry, we will make them available again in the online shop once we have the new prices from the supplier.

Although prices will have increased we don't sell them at a profit so they will still represent excellent value for money.

If you want to know more please ask one of the leaders or anyone who already has a garment.

We need you!

Executive Committee

Against a challenging backdrop, the past year has seen our scout group grow from strength to strength. So much so that we have been recognised as one of the few scout groups in the country to increase our membership numbers during the lockdown periods, which is testament to the hard work our section leaders put in, week in week out, preparing and delivering both online zoom and face to face sessions. It is absolutely brilliant to have so many young people enjoying the learning and development alongside new experiences that our group has to offer.

However, our group couldn't function if it wasn't for the enthusiastic and motivated volunteers we are lucky to have. We now need more help and we are looking to bring on board additional volunteers to help us continue to run our three sections (Beavers, Cubs and



Scouts) or join our executive committee to help us manage the inner workings of the group.

All our volunteers go through a robust fully supported onboarding process which includes the necessary background checks alongside some structured training modules where applicable.

We currently have vacancies for section leaders/assistants, group chair, treasurer, maintenance coordinator and committee members.

If you would like to know any more information about any of these volunteer roles, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Group Scout Leader

Ian Skilling

All of our volunteers have really stepped up to the challenge of the last year with all of its uncertainty. We have stood out among groups in the area and wider afield and this is to the credit of everyone involved. We have increased our membership, had a varied and exciting programme of activities, made good use of Zoom and got back face-to-face early despite all of the difficulties. We've also made great strides with our big build and associated fundraising in difficult times.

I'd like to thank everyone for their effort and say I'm proud of you all.



Beavers

Steve Pennington

After a year like no other, we're back face to face meetings and enjoying "Fun and Friendship" as Beavers was always meant to be.

Can I thank all parents and Beaver Scouts for participating in the "virtual Scouting experience" week on week during the difficult days of lockdown. As we expect the youngest members of the Scouting community are the most adaptive and their resilience, enthusiasm and happiness shone through during the "Beaver Scouts on Zoom" meetings. Thanks to Mikki our ABSL for mastering the technology and making the online experience of meetings totally seamless. There were times when the leaders were genuinely exhilarated by the response of the youngsters who took to the medium like ducks to water. It was also a great pleasure to meet with our friends at the 30th Warrington Beaver Scouts during this time and share their company.

We have been successful in growing our numbers during this period. We



have also moved five Beaver Scouts up the river to Cubs ensuring succession for the Group. We have also gained an armful of badges and a superb District Challenge woggle which is a testament to the hard work of the children and their parents! We are particularly proud of the boys who gained their Chief Scout Bronze award.

All this could not have been achieved without our GSL Ian and our hard-working Executive Committee, who have guided the group through this challenging time. We have a lot to be thankful for as we move forward into the next phase of Beaver Scouting at the 10th Warrington.

Cubs

Rachel Hampson

I am sure I don't need to tell any of you that 2021 has been a rollercoaster of a year! There have been challenges at every turn, but I think that the Cub Pack, like all the sections at the 10th, have coped remarkably well.

In terms of Cub members, we lost 6 over lockdown, and 9 have moved up to Scouts since last summer. However, we have had 2 transferred to us from other Cub Packs, 4 move up from Beavers, and 8 new starters through our fabulous 10th Warrington website (big thanks to Andy for the techno-wizardry!).

It has not been easy to get to know the new Cubs at the same time as getting our heads around the new covid restrictions, but I really feel that we have made every effort to keep the children safe, and I'm pleased that the disruption has been kept to a minimum (except for over the past couple of weeks!). It has been fantastic to have use of the Penketh High School playing field as a secure and clean location for most of our



outdoor meetings, huge thanks to Steve for arranging that for us.

We started the year with Annabel as our new Assistant Cub Leader, but unfortunately just as she was settling in there were changes to her circumstances which meant she could no longer give her time to the Group.

Thankfully Hazel and Django have been as marvellous as ever, sticking with Cubs throughout the Zoom period, and coped superbly with the short-term planning and covid restricted sessions.

Hazel turned 18 this year, which is a double-edged sword; it means that she has stepped up to become Assistant Leader and taken on more responsibility,

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Scouts

Jen Booth

September 2020 saw our troop returning to long awaited face-to-face sessions. We started off with a very large group with 29 Scouts on the register. Due to the size of the group we needed to split in half to ensure we complied with Scouts Covid rules. This proved to be useful as the older members of the group were able to move onto some more challenging areas of badgework, whilst the younger members could start at the beginning. We kicked off in September with a busy programme, working on navigation skills at The Dream, Geocaching at Whittle Brook, and then a good old games night at Sankey Valley Park, where the Scouts were reintroduced to their favourite game – Manhunt! Once we were allowed back into the Hut, the Scouts were able to have a go at a few Christmas craft activities, the reindeer



photo frames and tree stump snowmen were amazing! The Scouts were exceptional with the way that they quickly adapted to the changes in the rules and the social distancing. As a section leader I couldn't have been prouder.

We returned to Zoom sessions in January, we quickly got back into the swing of it by having an amazing cook off! The brownie creations which the Scouts made were amazing, I know that some of the Scouts still make them now. We also worked on stop motion videos and created a press release which was

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Financial update

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| Income | £39,639 | £21,468 |
| Expenditure | £29,519 | £15,756 |
| Balances at year end: | | |
| Current a/c | £11,227 | £15,495 |
| Savings a/c | £15,104 | £715 |

Karen Cox

Net income for the year grew to £10,120 in 2020, an increase of £4,408 from £5,712 in 2019. Cash Balances have increased from £16,211 to £26,331. The income growth is due to the receipt of Government Covid-19 small business and charity support grants via Warrington Borough Council.

Membership numbers have continued to grow during 2020, which is a credit to the hard work of our Leaders during lockdown. However, income from subscriptions has fallen from £6,188 in 2019 to £3,405 in 2020 due to the suspension of subscriptions during the first lockdown period from April to August.

Events were curtailed during 2020, but the group were able to enjoy virtual events such as Acorn Farm and Magician virtual visits and the virtual awards evening. We were also able to hold in-person Christmas parties at the end of the year. Most events broke even financially, although the committee chose to fund the Awards Evening and Christmas parties, a net cost to the group of £735.

The plant sale generated a net income of £1,978 which is in line with previous years. The efforts of the Fundraising Committee have provided an additional £2,437 to the Big Build Fund.

The group's other main expenditure items are refreshments, badges and purchase of equipment required for members to earn their badges. Due to a large part of the year restricted to virtual meetings only, this cost fell this year to £932.

Capitation fees are the annual membership fees we are required to pay

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Chairman's Report

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young members picked it up.

We recognise the on-line zoom sessions may have not worked for all our young members, but across the group over the year our membership numbers increased, which given everything was a fantastic achievement!

Now we are back meeting face to face with all our risk assessments and controls in place, our sections have continued to grow from strength to strength, and we now have well over 80 members meeting weekly across Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Over the past month, in conjunction with UK Scouts, we have commenced a recruitment campaign appealing for more volunteers to help our group out as we move forward. Whether it be supporting the individual section leaders run the weekly sessions, or helping our committee ensure the group has everything it needs to run alongside creating the right environment for our members, we now need your help more than ever! Volunteering is extremely rewarding, and good for you. Its good for your health and happiness, good for developing skills, and good for meeting new people and forming new friendships. If you would like to know anything more about joining our fantastic team, please don't hesitate to get in touch with any of the section leaders (Jen Booth, Rachel Hampson, Steve Pennington), our Group Scout Leader (Ian Skilling), or any of our existing committee members.

As we move in to the second half of 2021, we have so much to look forward to and I know a brighter future is on the horizon. Whether it be the simple things like face-to-face section meetings, to the camp planned for September, or even the creation of our new amenity facilities at our scout hut, there is so much going on and exciting times are ahead. I'm certainly looking forward to it, and I hope like me, you and your children are too.

Cubs

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but also that she will soon be off to university.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Hazel for her commitment and effort, it will be weird without her as she's been part of the Cubs leadership team for longer than I have! I hope that she will keep in touch, and know that she is welcome to come visit any time she is back home.

We also had the great pleasure of welcoming Adam to the Pack a couple of months ago. This is his first experience with Scouting, and he has taken to it like a duck to water – he's been a hit with the kids, and got stuck in right from the start.

As it stands, we have 26 Cubs now, which has put us slightly over a comfortable limit, in that we need an extra adult to maintain the required ratio of 1:8 (adults/Cubs) when we are meeting outdoors. There are 2 Cubs due to move up to Scouts in September (or when the Troop has room), but with Hazel leaving us we have decided that when we start back after the summer holidays we will be implementing a parent rota to ensure that we always have enough adult helpers, and to spread the load/joy between everyone! Massive thanks to the parents who have volunteered to step in to help this year, sometimes at the last minute, your time is very much appreciated.

I am delighted that 3 Cubs earned their Chief Scout's Silver Award this year, well done! The rest of the Pack have worked towards their Challenge Awards, and on various Activity badges: Athletics, Communicator, Environmental Conservation, Naturalist, and Cyclist.

Hopefully, we will see this term off with what should be a fantastic first trip in ages to the new Jungle Parc treetop adventure course at Walton Gardens, and finishing off the Cyclist badge with a guided ride led by the fabulous tutors from BikeRight who have joined us to run free Bikeability sessions.

Scouts

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shared online for parents and others to vote on. Django and Alex, the young leaders, got their heads together to come up with a badge which they could plan and deliver themselves. They decided to not only do one activity badge, but they did two! The Global Issues sessions, which they planned and ran, were excellent and gave the Scouts a little food for thought. They also challenged the troop to walk the 603 miles between Land's End and John O'Groats. The Scouts took on the challenge with gusto and in the process raised a whopping £1,500. Whilst on Zoom we also had some excellent visits from Essex Reptile Encounters, Cheshire Police and the RNLI.

Once back to face-to-face we were able to meet up as a full group. By this point our Troop had hit an all-time high in numbers, 36! We mixed up patrols and decided on our new PL's and APL's, again the Scouts quickly adapted to the changes and were exceptionally well behaved when out and about with the general public, a real credit to 10th Warrington.

Finally we had a trip to Manley Mere adventure trail, the Scouts let loose and had the most amazing time, as did the leaders! Lots of laughs, mud, falling in more mud, followed by running through a clay pool. It was immense! We were also very lucky to get booked in to do canoeing at Grappenhall Scout Camp. All the Scouts loved the canoeing sessions and are eager to do more!

With 350 badges awarded since July 2020, it's fair to say the Troop has been busy, Covid hasn't stopped the Scouts learning new skills and enjoying themselves in the process. All this would not have happened without the support of the other leaders, Andy, Carl and Karin, plus GSL Ian. They have all been superb and as a section leader I count myself very lucky to have their support. We've also had excellent help from a number of parents and other leaders, Rachel and Mikki. Also special thanks to my young leaders – Alex, Django and Zak, their help is invaluable and they are a great asset to our section. Thankyou!

Financial update

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to the Scout Association in return for their support in various areas (including training and insurance). The fees are dictated by member numbers and have fallen by £252 from 2019 at £2,772.

A full copy of the 2020 Treasurer's Report including financial breakdown is available on request

2021 Outlook

- Current Cash Balance is £38,660.
- We have received further Covid-19 grants from WBC to support our running costs, totalling £16,335.
- Our Fundraising team have secured significant grants towards completing the Big Build project.
- The future financial outlook for the group is positive, with sufficient cash on hand to provide an exciting and varied programme for our young people.



10th WARRINGTON SCOUT GROUP SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS 12 MONTHS TO 31/12/2020

| | Full Year 2020 | Full Year 2019 |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Opening Balance | £16,211.08 | £10,499.08 |
| Total Income | £39,639.13 | £21,468.74 |
| Total Expenditure | -£29,519.01 | -£15,756.74 |
| Closing Balance | £26,331.20 | £16,211.08 |

| Summary of Inflow / (Outflow) | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|--|
| | | | | Full Year 2020 | Full Year 2019 | |
| Description | Income | Expenditure | Net | Net | | |
| Asset Purchase / Sales | £420.50 | -£719.94 | -£299.44 | £53.20 | | |
| Bank Transfer (internal) | £14,505.57 | -£14,505.57 | £0.00 | £0.00 | | |
| Big Build | £0.00 | -£259.00 | -£259.00 | -£752.50 | | |
| Capitation Fees | £0.00 | -£2,772.00 | -£2,772.00 | -£3,024.00 | | |
| Donations | £140.00 | £0.00 | £140.00 | £835.00 | | |
| Events | £1,122.61 | -£1,857.80 | -£735.19 | £1,679.43 | | |
| Fundraising | £4,213.13 | -£1,776.25 | £2,436.88 | £2,540.26 | | |
| General Group Expenses | £0.00 | -£931.81 | -£931.81 | -£2,317.31 | | |
| Gift Aid | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | | |
| Grant | £11,334.00 | £0.00 | £11,334.00 | £0.00 | | |
| Hall Maintenance | £0.00 | -£151.97 | -£151.97 | -£64.38 | | |
| Hall Purchase Expenses | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | | |
| Hall Rental | £94.50 | £0.00 | £94.50 | £849.50 | | |
| Hall Standing Charges | £0.00 | -£4,160.22 | -£4,160.22 | -£2,028.72 | | |
| Interest on savings account | £ 41.97 | £0.00 | £41.97 | £1.15 | | |
| Overdue Subscriptions | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | £0.00 | | |
| Plant Sale | £ 4,324.00 | -£2,346.45 | £1,977.55 | £1,751.82 | | |
| Subscriptions | £ 3,442.85 | -£38.00 | £3,404.85 | £6,188.55 | | |
| Not classified | £0.00 | £0.00 | | | | |
| Total | £39,639.13 | -£29,519.01 | £10,120.12 | £5,712.00 | | |

| Closing Funds Balances | Full Year 2020 | Full Year 2019 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| New Current Account | £11,227.10 | £15,495.52 |
| Savings Account | £15,104.10 | £715.56 |
| Total Funds - @ 31st December 2020 | £26,331.20 | £16,211.08 |



10TH WARRINGTON WEST SCOUT GROUP

Financial Summary for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

| | Current Year 2020 Summary £ | Prior Year 2019 Summary £ |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Income / Expenditure Summary | | |
| Total Income Received during Year | £ 39,639.13 | £ 21,468.74 |
| Total Expenditure During Year | -£ 29,519.01 | -£ 15,756.74 |
| Net Income for the year | £ 10,120.12 | £ 5,712.00 |

| | Current Year 2020 Summary £ | Prior Year 2019 Summary £ |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Account Balances | | |
| New Current Account Balance at Year End | £ 11,227.10 | £ 9,784.67 |
| TSB Instant Access Savings Account Balance at Year End | £ 15,104.10 | £ 714.41 |
| Total | £ 26,331.20 | £ 10,499.08 |

The above accounts and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were prepared for the trustees by:

Date: 19 April 2021

Karen Cox
Group Treasurer
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