

Welcome to 26th Bristol (Northcote) Annual General Meeting

30th September 2021



Agenda

- Chair's Welcome
- Apologies & Approval of [Previous Minutes](#)
- DC's Address
- GSL's Overview
- Approval of 2020/21 Accounts
- Appointment of Independent Examiner
- Appointments to Executive Committee
 - GSL nomination of Chair
 - Election of Treasurer and Secretary
 - Ex-officio members of the Executive Committee
 - Election of Executive Committee members
 - GSL's nominations to the Executive Committee
- Any Other Business

Apologies and Previous AGM Minutes

DC's Address

GSL Overview

Why are we here?

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.”
- “Skills for Life”

Because we enjoy it

- Young people get an exciting and varied programme with their friends
- Adults get a sense of fulfillment and enjoy socialising with their friends

Covid -19

- For almost the whole year between April 2020 to March 2021, Face to Face Scouting was very restricted.
- Over the Summer Covid-19 secure procedures were in place and approved by the Executive Committee and District Commissioner.
- As a result, physical meetings could take place in September and October.
- All sections ran meetings on Zoom instead. The leaders rapidly adjusted and provided various activities such as virtual camps or dropped materials off at homes.
- Participation rates varied, with higher participation at the younger age end.

Beaver Achievements

The Numbers

- 3 Beaver Colonies (Castle, Cote and Blaise)
- 60 Beaver Scouts (31 Jan 2021) (+ 5)
- 11 Chief Scouts Bronze awards in year to 31 Jan 21

Activities

- Two Virtual Sleepovers (at home)
- District WOW virtual camp.
- Raised £1154 for Children In Need by sponsored walks at home
- District Junk Modelling Challenge
- Completed District Home Challenge Badge

Cub Achievements

The Numbers

- 3 Cub Packs (Walters, Spence and Chapel Hill)
- 65 Cub Scouts (31 Jan 2021) (-6)
- 15 Chief Scouts Silver awards in year to 31 Jan 21

Activities

- Cabot Home Challenge badges
- Cabot District craft competition
- Christmas cards for local care home residents
- Orienteering at Blaise

Scout Achievements

The Numbers

- 2 Scout Troops (Loach and Bentley)
- 74 Scouts (31 Jan 2021) (+19)
- 2 Chief Scouts Gold awards in year to 31 Jan 21 (small year group)

Activities

- In September ran half group each week to keep within allowed limits and had activities at the Scout field or cooking at Northcote.
- During lockdown delivered materials to homes to support activities such as sunflower seeds and balloons.
- Ran quizzes, badge work such as science, cooking, geocaching and local knowledge

Group Achievements

The Numbers

- 38 Adult Leaders and helpers (-2)
- 13 Young Leaders (-1)

Activities

- Leaders updated their training.
 - Almost 100% compliance with training requirements
 - First Aid Courses could not be run and so currently catching up on the backlog
- Northcote Hall was repainted.
- Outdoor facilities improved at Northcote
 - Permanent: Outside sink, tables and benches
 - Temporary: Lighting and shelters
- Over 1500 Trees planted at the Scout Field

Thank you

- Thank you to all the leaders, young leaders and adult helpers for their support. This was a particularly difficult year but we got through it thanks to your dedication.
- Thank you to parents and guardians for their support and patience during this difficult time.
- Thank you to the Cabot District Team for their advice and help.
- Thank you to the Scouts for their enthusiasm and without whom we wouldn't be here.

Approval of 20/21 Annual Accounts

20/21 Annual Accounts Summary

Income

- 2020-21 Income £44k
 - Feed in tariff £5k
 - Hall rental £5k (down £12k)
 - Gift Aid £10k
 - Government Grants £19K

Expenditure

- 2020-21 Expenditure running costs £33k

Notes

- During COVID-19 spend minimised to essential items only.
- Rental income and subscriptions significantly impacted by the building closure. The Government state aid grant of £19k helped bridge the shortfall.
- Sufficient reserves in place remain operational through any uncertain times to come.
- Email helen.hobbs@26bristolscouts.org.uk for copy of accounts.

Appointment of Independent Examiner

- The Group thanks Emma Brook and proposes she be elected to act again next year

Appointments to Executive Committee

Appointment of members to Executive Committee

- **GSL nomination of Chair:** TBC Peter Gilbert
- **Election of Officers:**
 - Treasurer: TBC Helen Hobbs
 - Secretary: TBC Jon Barton
- **Nominations:**
 - **Ex Officio members:** Richard Bennett, TBC Alvar Bray, TBC Richard Carling, TBC Seb Brown, TBC James Rowe, TBC Jill Neild & TBC George Sawkins.
 - **Elected members:** TBC Frances Chesneau, TBC Tim Baker & TBC Nick Mitchell.
 - **Nominated members:** TBC Martha Taylor, TBC Abby Scammell

Any Other Business

