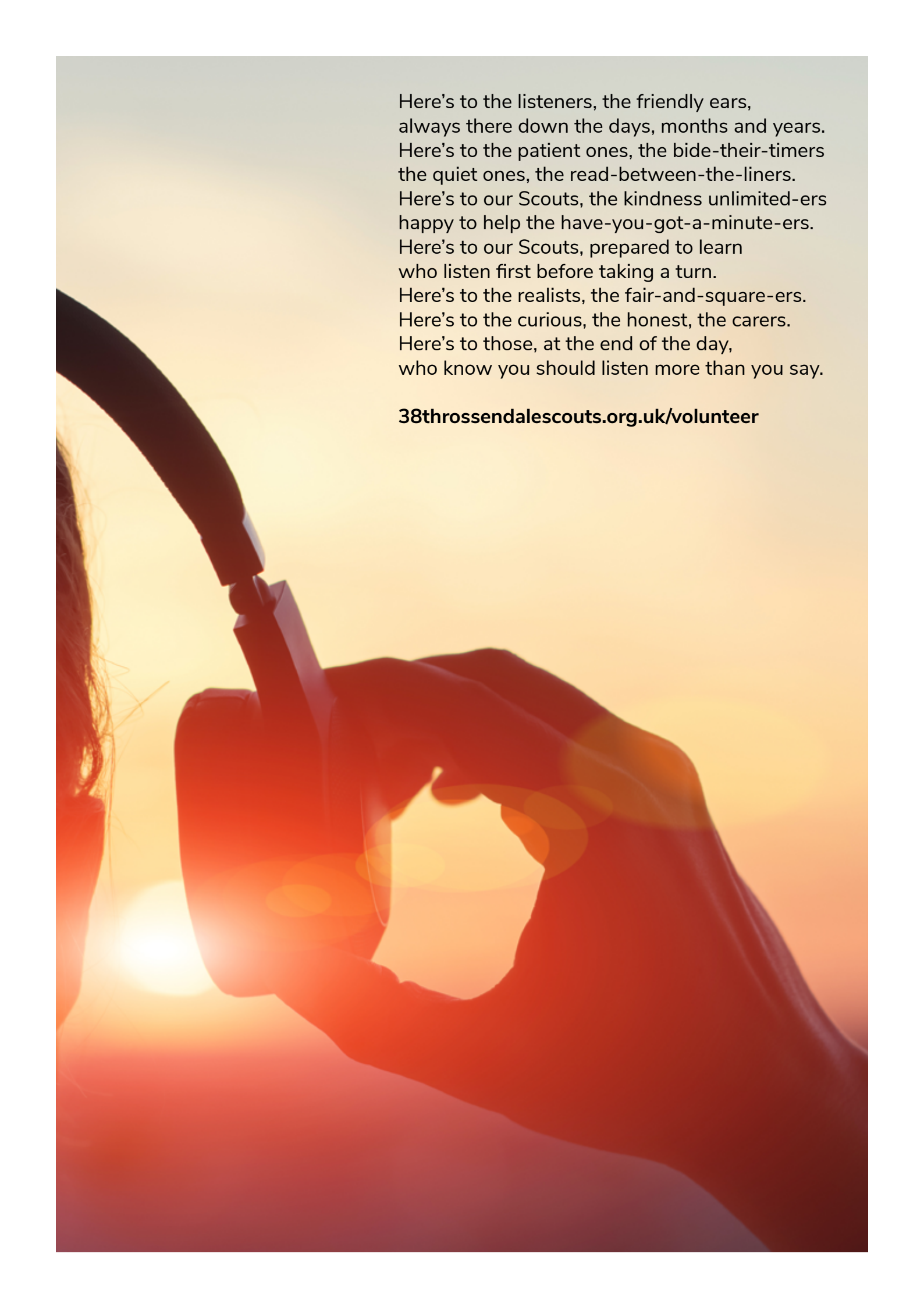


# Annual report and financial statements 2019-20



**Scouts**

38th Rossendale



Here's to the listeners, the friendly ears,  
always there down the days, months and years.  
Here's to the patient ones, the bide-their-timers  
the quiet ones, the read-between-the-liners.  
Here's to our Scouts, the kindness unlimited-ers  
happy to help the have-you-got-a-minute-ers.  
Here's to our Scouts, prepared to learn  
who listen first before taking a turn.  
Here's to the realists, the fair-and-square-ers.  
Here's to the curious, the honest, the carers.  
Here's to those, at the end of the day,  
who know you should listen more than you say.

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## From our Group Scout Leader

If anyone has said to me 12-months ago that my next annual report would be written nearly 8-months after our last face to face meeting on the 16th March 2020, I would not have believed them.

Unbelievable as that may have been, it is fair to say that 2020 was not the year we were expecting.

Since our last Annual General Meeting in October 2019 and before the national lock-down in March 2020 there was plenty of opportunity for our Young People to enjoy their Scouting activities. More details on that to follow.

I think the biggest disappointment for this year was the postponement of our France International Camp that should have taken place in August. Although rearranged for next year, we have had to disappoint some Members who were scheduled to go. Their loss was someone else's gain as fortunately we have managed to fill the freed-up places.

Terms such as 'COVID', 'social distancing', 'face masks' and 'wash your hands' were rarely if at all spoken this time last year. What has not changed is the enthusiasm from our volunteer Leaders to keep things as "normal" as possible.

Who can forget the #NeckieFlip Challenge, the Elephant Easter Egg Challenge, the Hike to the Moon, the Urban Orienteering Challenge, the Virtual Camp, the Deux Camp Virtuel (2nd Virtual Camp) and the numerous Boredom Busters posted on Facebook.

A good number of our Members have also taken advantage of the Badges at Home functionality on the Online Scout Manager.

Our planned fundraisers of the Easter Egg Chocolate Roll, Family Campfire & Summer Draw, and the Group Bonfire this coming November have all been cancelled.

We hope that we will be able to run these events in 2021.

I am also sorry that we will not be producing a Calendar for next year. Hopefully, that will return for 2022.

An ongoing way of supporting the Groups fundraising activities is with our 100 Club Draw. Please get in touch if you would like to join and we can send you more details.

We were disappointed that the Annual St Georges Day Parade was cancelled in April this year along with this year's Remembrance Parade that should be taking place in November. Both events are an ideal way of showing Scouting at its best in the local community.

We appreciate those Members who have continued to pay the reduced subscription fees during the lock-down period. To clarify, these charges are to meet our obligations to the Scout Association for our annual Membership fee for all Members. Even at the current subscription rates we are having to subsidise everyone for what is expected to be a charge of in the region of £50.00 per Member payable in the New Year. The fee to headquarters covers vital services such as personal liability insurance, safeguarding and headquarters support services.

Our subscription charges will continue to be reduced until we are able to offer a full face-to-face programme again.

Despite a reduced income from fundraisers and subscriptions, we have continued to invest in the Group for the benefit of our Members.

During lock-down we have had maintenance work undertaken to repair walls on the perimeter of our land and recently installed new benches around the campfire circle.

We have made sure all our Adult Leaders are equipped with suitable

uniform and all the Young Leaders have polo tops and hoodies. We look forward to seeing everyone looking smart on our return.

We are currently waiting for the delivery of twelve new tents which we are hoping we can make good use of next year.

The Group has also recently invested heavily in signage, PPE and new equipment resources to make us "COVID safe".

Despite everything this year our numbers are still healthy at around the 200 Members mark and I hope we can give them the Scouting adventure they deserve in the very near future.

So, what have our Sections been up to this past 12-months? Here is a taster:

### **Grey (Monday) Colony Beavers**

Grey Colony Beavers had lots of fun, completing their Experiment Badge! They each completed 4 experiments: Volcanoes, Bubble Snakes, Travelling Food Colouring and Displacing Pepper with washing-up-liquid.

As part of the "Complete an activity to help people in their local community" for the My World Challenge Badge, Grey Colony visited the Positive Start food bank in Rawtenstall. Armed with bags of non-perishable goods the Beavers learnt about the service the Positive Start provide to the families of the less well off. The Beavers help store the goods ready to be distributed.

As part of the same badge, they did a tour of the UK. They started in Scotland with some history of the area and a visit by Bag Pipe Player. For England, the Beavers did cheese rolling. They then went to Wales where former Members Neve and Molly taught the Beavers via Skype their Beaver Scout Promise in Welsh

and also read us a poem about a little boy who keep kicking his ball into the next-door neighbour's garden until eventually the neighbour popped the ball. And finally, Ireland where the Beavers tried a spot of Irish dancing.

The My World Challenge Badge was completed by making bird feeders.

The Beavers loved the visit from our very own Purple Colony Section Leader and Police Constable Oliver Cooper. The highlight of the evening was when one of the beavers said, "you can't be a Policeman, you work here".

### **Purple (Wednesday) Colony Beavers**

Purple Colony Beavers have also been working on their Experiment Activity Badge, they visited Tesco in Haslingden and designed a machine as part of their Skills Challenge.

They hiked to the Singing Ringing Tree and at Christmas they performed a puppet show acting out the Nativity for their Creative Activity Badge.

They also teamed up with Grey Colony Beavers for a visit to Runamok / Monkey Playland in Haslingden for a hectic but fun evening.

### **Purple (Tuesday) Pack Cubs**

Purple Pack Cubs visited Rawtenstall Fire Station as part of their Fire Safety Activity Badge and towards their World Challenge Badge.

They held a winter camp at the Warren with a Christmas theme. The Christmas theme continued with a joint party with Grey Pack at Air Unlimited in Burnley. One of the last activities before lock-down was to learn fire lighting skills for their Outdoors, Skills and Teamwork Challenge Badges.

Over Zoom they held a Talent Show and the Section participated in the Scout Associations #HikeToTheMoon activity.

### **Grey (Friday) Pack Cubs**

Grey Pack started November 2019 in a healthy frame of mind taking part in a healthy food exercise and analysis of the body's reactions.

This was followed up with a reverse advent throughout December and Christmas craft making run by one of our senior Cubs.

The Final acts of 2019 were the joint Christmas party with Purple Pack at Air Unlimited and the annual Christmas panto, Sleeping Beauty, with the rest of the Group.

2020 started with a Section forum, giving the Cubs the opportunity to influence the upcoming programme followed by problem solving and discovering Chinese New Year. The last act of January was 'Cubercise' where the Cubs were put through their paces in a fun exercise class.

February is of course the time of pancakes and it saw the Cubs annual flipping challenge. They managed to fit in the Home Safety activities just before the COVID lockdown brought things to a halt.

Grey Pack members joined the rest of the Group participating in the Hike to the Moon, May's camp at home, the Great Indoors Weekender, Urban Orienteering Challenge and Deux Camp Virtuel.

Grey Pack Members started Zoom meetings during July and had joint Zoom meetings with the Red Scout Section through August, playing games, problem

solving and knocking up a few tasty dishes.

September saw a new Akela taking the helm and Zoom meetings began looking at the Scientist Activity Badge. Despite the current climate Grey Pack will continue its fantastic efforts.

### **Purple (Wednesday) Troop Scouts**

Teamwork, challenges and technology have been the theme for Purple Troop over the last twelve months. Even though the majority of time has been virtual this year, Purple Scouts have still managed to get through quite the programme! They have visited London, explored, learned new skills, made bird boxes and even taught the Leaders a thing-or-two!

One of the highlights of our in-person year, was relating to food - of course! The Scouts had a few weeks of food related activities such as pancake making and the Scouts learned new knife skills by making vegetable models! We've also taken on some serious topics such as mental health, alcohol and drugs, and listening.

We're looking forward to an outdoorsy year, as soon as we can meet face-to-face again and are very excited about what's to come!

### **Grey (Thursday) Troop Scouts**

Grey Troop have had several highlights prior to the lock-down. Back in October 2019 Scouts from all three Troops took part in their Expedition Challenge. They set off from Bleakholt Animal Sanctuary and hiked to their first checkpoint. Here they used their first aid skills to treat a victim who had fallen over. From there they hiked to Ashworth Valley Scout campsite where they had to erect their tents for the night and organise their meals. The following day they packed away

their tents and hiked over to Nuttall Park in Ramsbottom. To celebrate Halloween, they Section played some games which included balloon popping and apple bobbing which proved very popular.

For the Craft Activity badge in November, they set about making templates for teddies. The Scouts picked their fabric, started cutting it to the templates, then they started to sew them.

In November Members of the Troop joined Scouts from Purple and Red Troops on a day trip to London. It was an early start for the Scouts as we had to catch the train at 6:30 AM in Preston. They arrived at Euston Station where they set off to visit the sites; the Science Museum, the London Eye, Hamleys Toy Store and Buckingham Palace were just some of the places they visited. They also took a boat trip down the River Thames learning about the history of the area and the famous sites. The day was finished off with a trip to the O2 for an all you can eat dinner. Tubing at Rossendale Ski Slope was another adventurous activity. Following an evening on the slopes, they were treated to some food to warm them up.

For the Scientist Activity Badge, they learnt about plant structures, grew their own cress, looked at chemical reactions, made their own bouncy balls and looked at magnetism and its effects. Not too long before lock-down, Grey Troop made pancakes complete with a large selection of treats for the toppings.

### **Red (Friday) Troop Scouts**

Since the last AGM Red Troop members have remained active throughout this difficult year. Six members completed their two-day Expedition Challenge along with members of Purple and Grey

Troops and three experienced the hustle and bustle of London again with members of Purple and Grey Troops.

Back in the Warren, led by the fantastic Young Leaders, they completed the Scientist Activity Badge, making things hover, bubble and bang. Each Patrol made their own flag, had a Christmas games night and made paracord figures. The highlight to the end of the year was the joint Christmas party, 22 members again joining the other Scout Sections at Air Unlimited, bouncing around and burning off their remaining energy of 2019. Last but by no means least for 2019, ten members joined the rest of the group (oh no they didn't) at the Sleeping Beauty panto.

2020 began chilling outside by the fire, munching on traditional campfire snacks, and having a catch-up from the Christmas period. We headed out onto the streets of Cloughfold and Rawtenstall to gain our Local Knowledge Badge and tied ourselves up in knots. February saw the Young Leaders and Patrol Leaders take charge for the month each tasked with programming, arranging, and delivering the sessions leaving Section Leader Pete West with time to put his feet up (if only).

February also saw the District Youth team put on the Baden-Powell Trophy where three members joined fellow Scouts from Purple and Grey Troops to create a 38th Rossendale Scout Team who then travelled around the District Scout Groups completing a selection of challenges competing against other Scouts across the District.

March saw the country hit by COVID-19 restrictions ending face to face meetings but that wasn't the end of the story.

April saw members take part in the International record-breaking virtual camp run by Northumberland Scouts - Camp@home. May saw the Section start its first Zoom meetings initially the Section being split into two to aid both the management of the Section and focus the content on the differing age ranges within the Section. May also saw the Group take part in its own first virtual camp, taking part in various tasks throughout the weekend like a regular Scout camp. From setting up 'home' in a tent or shelter to cooking for the family to tying yourself in knots.

The virtual fun didn't stop there with the Scout Association's Great Indoors Weekender at the beginning of July and the Group's second virtual camp "Deux Camp Virtuel" at the end of July, just when the Group had planned to head to France before COVID struck. July proved to be a busy time with the Explorer Leaders setting up an Urban Orienteering course and challenging the Group to complete it before the beginning of August which many Troop and Group members did.

Throughout August much of Lancashire was subject to local COVID restrictions so at the request of its members, Red Troop continued its weekly zoom meetings combining both teams together. Activities included cooking and baking, exercise classes and an array of games and quizzes.

While face to face meetings were put back on hold due to the reinstatement of local restrictions the Section will try and keep its Friday night Scouting as close to 'normal service' as possible.

None of the above could happen without the tireless enthusiasm of our Leaders. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all. This team of 40+ volunteers even

during lock-down have worked hard to keep our Members engaged in activities and make them feel part of something special.

I would like to welcome on board some of our new Leaders. This includes;

Emily Holt (Purple Colony Beavers), Harriet Bell (Purple Colony Beavers), Carl Potter (Grey Pack Cubs), Graham Haworth (Grey Pack Cubs), Lottie Lowe (Grey Troop Scouts), Charlotte Graham (Red Troop Scouts), Jade West (Red Troop Scouts), Logan Law (Red Troop Scouts).

Katie Hoyle (Grey Colony Beavers) and Cheryl Law (Grey Pack Cubs) have recently stepped down from the Section Leaders role. Both intend to continue assisting with their Sections when work commitments permit. Thank you to both for their dedication to their Sections to date.

Congratulations though to Vanessa Feather who has stepped into the "Akela" role for Grey Pack Cubs and Tracey Dunn who is currently the Acting Section Leader with Grey Colony Beavers. We are hoping that Tracey will make a firm commitment to the role. If you would like to play a part in what you have read above, then we are always interested in talking to adults about a flexible volunteering role within one of our Sections. Please do get in touch with me to discuss this further.

I would also like to thank the members of the Group Executive Committee for their work behind the scenes.

For me one of the highlights of our Scouting year is the awards ceremony at our AGM and

Celebration of Achievements event.

This is an opportunity from Members from across all our seven Sections to come together to celebrate the past 12-months.

Each Section takes the opportunity to present details of their activities for the year and then we move onto the Awards.

We present our Members with their Chief Scout Awards followed by the announcement of our Scouters of the Year for each Section. One of those goes on to win the "Jean Smith Award" for the outstanding Scouter of the year in memory of our former Group President and daughter of one of our Group founders.

Alas this exciting event is to be put on hold until 2021. There will be no Scouters of the Year this year or Jean Smith Award winner. We will however aim to present the Chief Scout Awards to those that have earned them at the earliest possible opportunity.

In 2021 the Group will be celebrating its 70th anniversary. Whilst plans have not yet been made to mark this occasion, this is a milestone that all involved in the running of the Group both past and present should be extremely proud of.

Thank you for your continued support of the Group in what has been a difficult year for everyone. We hope to see you all in person soon when we will continue to give your child the opportunity to develop personally, learn new skills and to become model citizens.

Keep the faith.



**Andrew Cooper**  
Group Scout Leader





## Our Purpose and Method

Scouts actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities.

They learn by doing, by sharing in spiritual reflection and by taking responsibility. They make choices, undertake new and challenging activities, and they live their Scout Promise.

Scouts' Trustees have a duty to report on our public benefit in this Annual Report. We've assessed our aims, activities and charitable objectives, which are to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full potential as individuals, as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national and international communities. We believe that we've met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria for both the advancement of education, and the advancement of citizenship and community development.

Scouts follows two key principles set by the Commission with regard to public benefit:

### 1. Identifiable benefit

The way in which we help young people in their personal development and empowers them to make a positive contribution to society. This benefit is directly linked to the purpose of Scouts.

### 2. Public benefit

Scouts is a national movement, open to young people aged 6-25 and adults who are willing to make the Scout Promise. People in areas of deprivation are able to benefit from our programme; while we charge a subscription to our members, access to our benefits aren't constrained by a member's ability to pay. There are arrangements to waive subscriptions and other costs for those who face financial hardship. Nationally, there are funds available for uniform and the cost of activities so that young people aren't excluded from Scouts on purely financial grounds.

The benefits of Scouts are further demonstrated throughout this report.

## Vision and strategic objectives

### Our vision for the future

In our Skills for Life Strategy, we aimed to prepare more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme.

We talked about growing, being more inclusive, being shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

Of course, COVID-19 complicates this. In light of the situation, we're reviewing our strategy to make sure it's still relevant.

More information is available at [scouts.org.uk/ourplan](https://scouts.org.uk/ourplan)

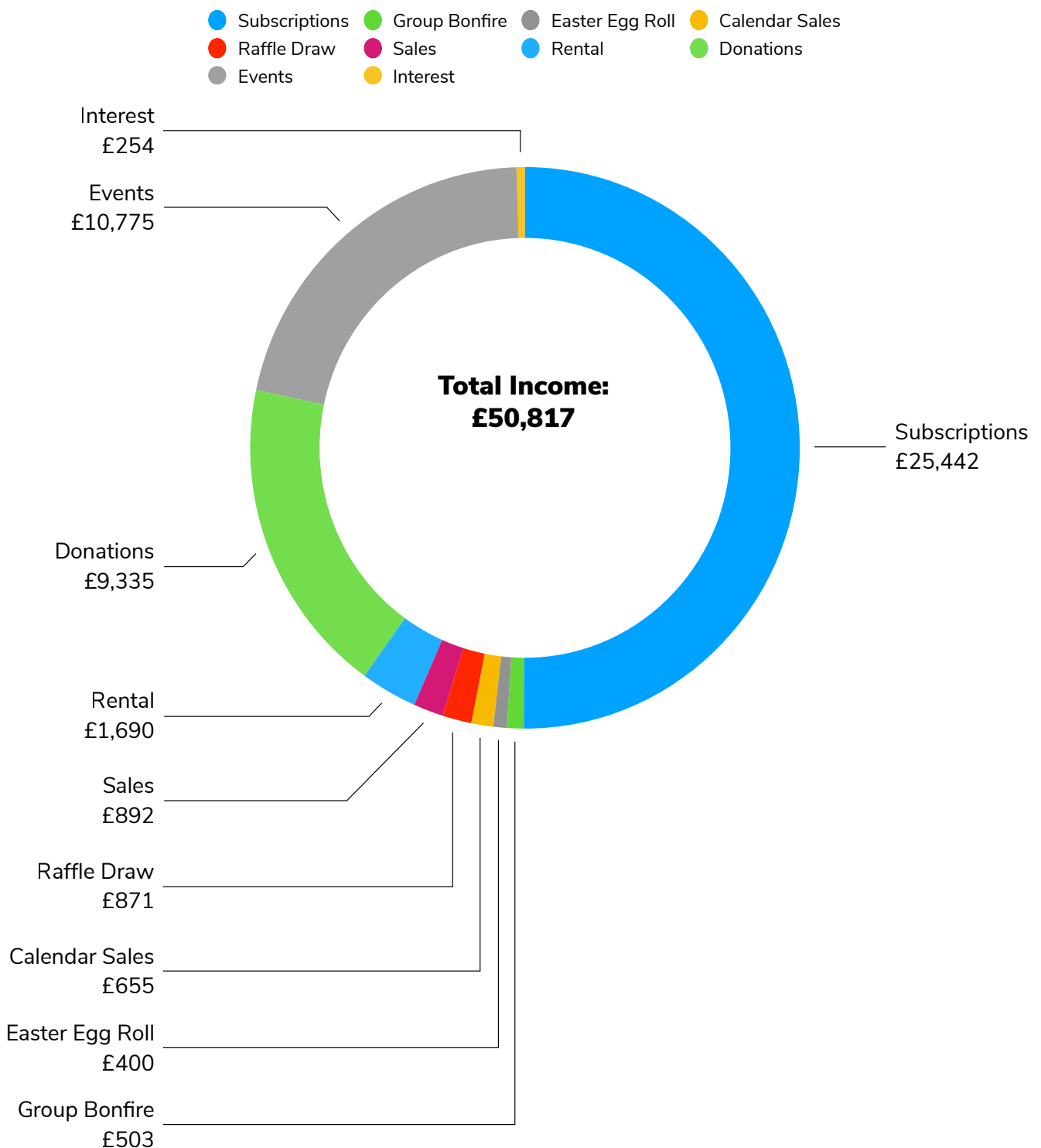
# Our Finances

The Group's finances are managed by the Group's Trustees and overseen by the Group Treasurer and Group Administrator.

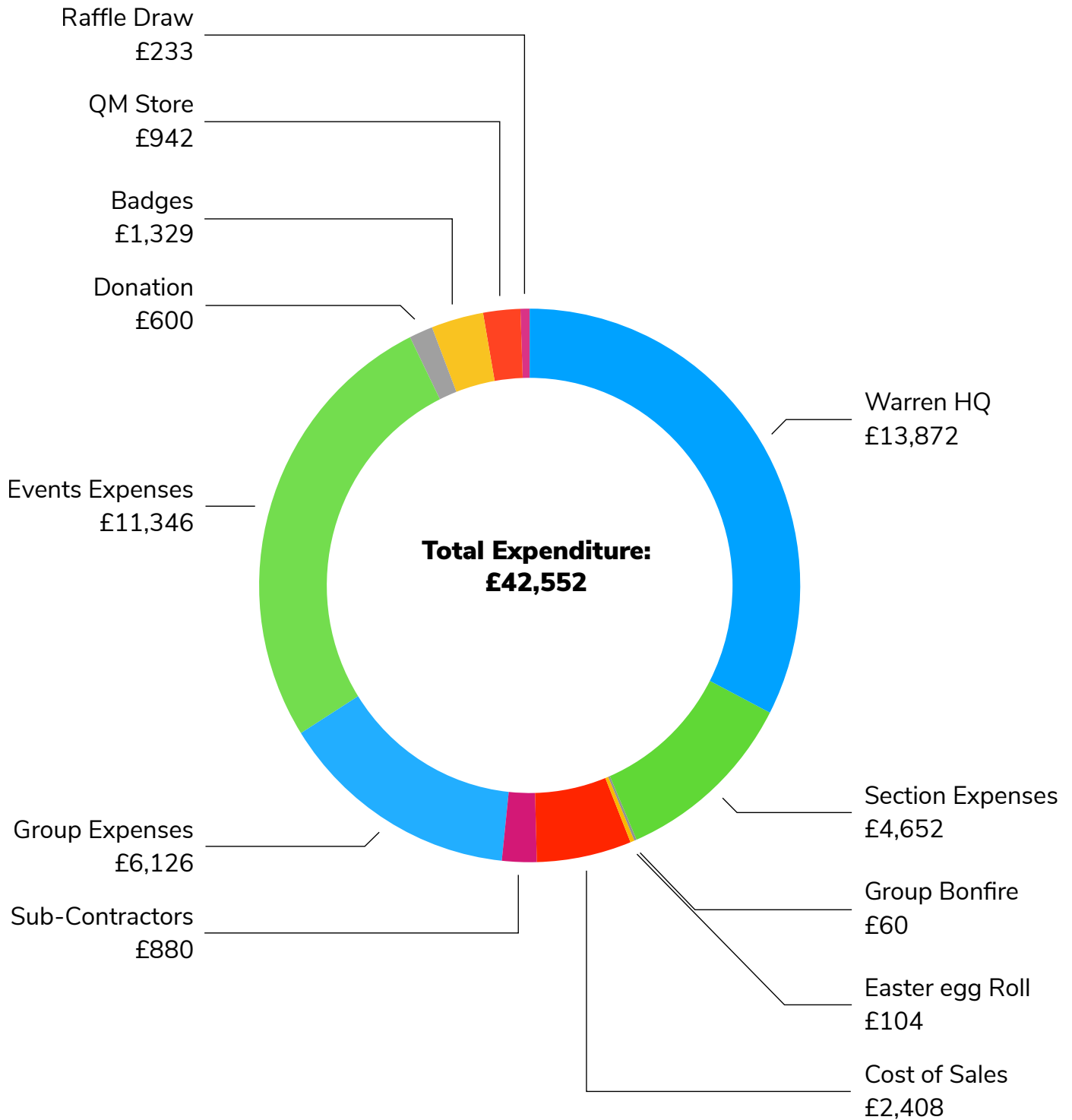
Our finances continue to be in a strong position although the Trustees are aware of the impact that COVID19 will have on the Group's finances predominantly through reduced subscriptions income.

Throughout the global pandemic, the trustees are pleased to be in a position where continual investment in the Group's assets is possible and will provide great benefit when face-to-face Scouting returns.

We would like to thank Peter Whittaker and Louise Cooper for their continual hard work in looking after our finances.



- Warren HQ
- Easter egg Roll
- Group Expenses
- Badges
- Section Expenses
- Cost of Sales
- Events Expenses
- QM Store
- Group Bonfire
- Sub-Contractors
- Donation
- Raffle Draw



**Please note**

These illustrations are for informational purposes only and only cover the Group's primary operations. A full and audited version of the Group's accounts can be obtained, free of charge, from the Charity Commission's website.



# Our Team 2019-20

## **President**

Jean Smith (dec. Aug 2014)

## **Chair of Trustees**

Michael Churnside

## **Group Scout Leader**

Andrew J Cooper

## **Trustees**

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Oliver Cooper  
Peter West  
Peter Whittaker  
Tim Teather

## **Section Leaders**

Cheryl Law (until Sept-20)  
Chris Taylor  
Emma Cooper  
Katie Hoyle (until Sept-20)  
Oliver Cooper  
Pete West  
Tim Feather  
Tracey Dunn (from Sept-20)  
Vanessa Feather (from Sept-20)

## **Group Administrator**

Louise Cooper BEM

## **With thanks to**

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Elizabeth Watts  
Harry Ward  
Janet Wilmott  
Olly White

## **Programme Volunteers**

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Cheryl Law  
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Logan Law  
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Michael Hoyle  
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Oliver Cooper  
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# Scouts

## 38th Rossendale

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