

Group Scout Leader/ (Acting Chair Report May 21 till Jan 22)

Regrettably in May 2021 the start of our new Group Scouting year our forward plans for the group were once again having to be put on hold due to the Government and the Scout Association Covid face to face meeting rules shut down.

We were where possible able to arrange some Zoom meetings for some sections between then and July, in order to keep our continued communications with our members going. We were pleased to welcome Alex Anderson as our new Treasurer to our Executive Committee during this period of time, also it was decided not to collect any Subscriptions from our members whilst we were not meeting.

We started our sections Face to Face meetings back in September under National Covid rules, but regrettably had to cancel meetings sometimes due to a Covid infection reported within the section so we then reverted back till safe to an occasional Zoom meeting

After just over five years now as your Acting Chair we were fortunate to gain Neil Thomas a member's parent who offered himself as Chair for the group in November 2021 and at my nomination as GSL appointed him at an appropriate Executive Committee Meeting.

Neal has just held his first meeting in March 2022 and is looking forward to the challenges ahead including chairing this AGM.

Our fund-raising Santa Sleigh and Big Dip went off well following having to cancel it the previous year due to Covid restrictions. The success of these events reluctantly relied on the Leaders, Executive and outside support with little support from the parents of members. It was felt that the funds raised would have been greater if we have had more parent bucket collectors to assist.

Our dear OLD HQ is looking worse for wear now and we are still looking to rebuild, we will be holding a maintenance day in the spring and ask for your support in painting and general repairing. Our immediate repair must be the hole in the asbestos roof and floor damage which is already in hand. You will also notice our new front doors which has been fitted. Due to my joint office, I have only been able to attend some meetings and investitures but now I am back only as GSL I am hoping to be back more attending meetings.

On a closing good note, I can report that at our Census at the end of January 2022 due to some loss of members then attending our invested membership was 34, and now at the end of March 2022 we have 56. We still have some on our waiting list requesting for reasons themselves due to covid about still.

The leaders have put in great efforts through these difficult times and I cannot thank them enough for their support they have given to me and the Group. I look forward to the future of the group ahead of us.

Ray Nye.