



No. 57

1st Clifton (York) Sea Scout Group



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Treasurer's Report for the Financial Year 2017 / 2018

July 2018

Dear Leaders, Parents and Supporters.

Attached to this report is a copy of the end of year accounts for the Group for the year 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018. Please spend a few moments looking through the numbers. This brief report explains some of the income and costs associated with the of running the Group in the last Financial Year

Our total income for the year is exceptional this year for a number of reasons.

There are a small number of dedicated parents and supporters that have run a number of significant fund raising events such as the Christmas fayre; Pig racing evening and the Summer Fayre. Remember, these are run by the members and parents and the money they raise goes toward keeping down the costs of subs. Over the year, they raised well over £2000. This enabled us to minimise the subs review that took effect on 1/4/18.

The other significant source of income this year was a grant of nearly £20,000 towards the refit of the toilets, heating, and additional security for the building. This was money that was only made possible because of a lot of work that goes on in the background that is so easy to forget. Our thanks go to all concerned that help make this happen – principally Derek Paterson, Phil Bodmer and Tony Hale.

You will also be aware that the decision was taken to continue running 2 minibuses and a van. Clearly running 3 vehicles is a significant drain on our resources, but in order to make this funding fair, we increased the subs for the Scout section by a larger amount than other sections in line with their position as the main users of the vehicles. (Beavers and Cubs subs were increased by just £1 per month and Scouts' subs increased by £3 per month) If we are to continue running the fleet of 3 vehicles we should ensure that they get fully utilised. It's better that we wear them out by overuse than have them standing still and rusting away.

This increase was the first for 2 years as in total we received £15660.50 in subs in the 12 months to 31st March 2018 compared with the previous year's £15703.50.

If you are as uncomfortable as I am with relying so much on member subscriptions, then we need to hear from you. We need your help, as it is simply not fair to the leadership team to continually rely upon their help during fund raisers. It doesn't have to take a significant amount of time – simply being the point of contact for marquees, or vehicles for example would take pressure from section leaders that are having to take on multiple roles within the Group. A few years ago we would receive over £3000 of income from hiring out our facilities or equipment. That figure this year was down to around £1500

Whilst we have a comfortable set of bank balances, even when we exclude the HQ refit (£20,292), Association membership (£5,767) and activity (£4,555) costs, it costs nearly £1200 per month just to keep the group going.

If you have any questions regarding our accounts, or any particular line of the summary accounts provided, please do not hesitate to ask.

Phil Stead - Group Treasurer