

1ST AYLESFORD SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1024962

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-08-17

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL INTELLECTUAL SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS AS INDIVIDUALS AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES

Activities: As Scouts, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We encourage our young people to do more, learn more and be more. Each week, the 1st Aylesford Scout Group give young people of Aylesford and surrounding villages the opportunity to enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills they need to succeed.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£32,546	£34,197	-	-
2024-08-31	£41,817	£30,778	-	-
2023-08-31	£26,305	£38,926	-	-
2022-08-31	£16,915	£23,428	-	-
2021-08-31	£14,900	£13,724	-	-
2020-08-31	£29,189	£27,795	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Craig Worcester		2022-02-08
Donna Morris		2022-02-08
Georgina Mary Edwards		2022-02-08
James Drogomirecki		2025-02-21
Michael Richard Knox		2025-02-21

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Accounts

1st Aylesford Scout Group Treasurer's Report

Financial Year 2024–2025

Introduction

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for the financial year ending 2025. This report summarises the group's financial performance, overall position, and key observations from the year.

Overall Financial Position

During the year, the Group recorded:

- **Total Income:** £32,545.32
- **Total Expenditure:** £34,196.70
- **Net Deficit:** **£1,651.38**

The Group began the year with an opening balance (Lloyds Account and Expense Account) of **£26,678.06** and closed with **£25,026.68**.

Although the Group operated at a modest deficit this year, reserves remain healthy and provide a stable financial foundation going forward.

Income Summary

The Group's primary source of income continues to be membership subscriptions.

1. Membership Subscriptions

- **£19,540.42**

Subscriptions represent approximately 60% of total income and remain the core funding stream that supports regular programme delivery and fixed costs.

2. Gift Aid

- **£4,323.54**

Gift Aid continues to make a significant contribution and remains an important supplementary funding source.

3. Events and Activities

Income was generated from a wide range of activities and camps across all sections, including:

- Section events (Squirrels, Horsa Beavers, Leopard Cubs, Tigers Cubs, Predator Scouts and Voyager Scouts)
- Cub Camps and Winter Camp
- KIJ 2025
- Climbing sessions
- Water sports activities
- Microlight flying experiences
- Sleepovers and special events
- Badge, scarf and woggle sales
- Donations

Event income across sections totalled several thousand pounds, with the largest contribution coming from the Scouts (Voyagers) section.

Expenditure Summary

Expenditure reflects both core operating costs and the delivery of an extensive activity programme over the last financial year.

1. Membership & National Costs

- **Membership/Capitation Costs:** £7,380.93
- **Hardship Fund Costs:** £735.00

This represents payments to District, County and The Scout Association and is our largest structural outgoing.

Hardship Fund will need to be looked at and re-agreed at the next AGM.

2. Event & Camp Costs

Significant expenditure was incurred in delivering camps and activities, including:

- Section event costs (across all sections)

- Cub Camp 2025
- Winter Camp (March 2025)
- KIJ 2025
- Microlight flying
- Climbing sessions
- Water sports
- Spring sleepovers and special events

In most cases, event costs were broadly covered by corresponding income, although some events operated close to break-even or at a small shortfall.

3. Programme Delivery Costs

Regular weekly programme delivery costs included:

- Activity equipment
- Camping equipment
- Badges and awards
- Leaver gifts
- Meeting resources
- Stationery and stores

These costs directly support the quality and variety of activities offered to our young people.

4. Operational & Fixed Costs

The Group's ongoing overheads included:

- **Rent:** £2,482.00
- **Toilet Hire:** £1,539.00
- **Admin Costs:** £1,576.90
- **Bank & GoCardless Fees:** £784.77
- **Insurance:** £201.20
- Trailer storage and website costs

These represent necessary costs of maintaining facilities, compliance, and financial systems.

Assets and Insurance

The Group maintains insured assets including:

- Contents of the Shed: £11,449
- Ifor Williams Trailer: £3,006

These assets support the delivery of outdoor and adventurous activities.

Reserves Position

The closing balance of **£25,026.68** provides the Group with a healthy reserve.

While the Group operated at a deficit of £1,651.38 this year, this is manageable within current reserves. However, continued deficits over multiple years would gradually reduce financial resilience; therefore, it would be advisable for the Trustees to consider formally adopting a reserves policy (for example, maintaining 6–12 months of core operating costs).

Observations and Recommendations

1. The 1st Aylesford Scout Group remains financially stable.
2. Subscriptions are the principal income source and must remain appropriately set.
3. Event pricing may require small contingency margins to avoid future shortfalls but going forward I intend to have better control/accuracy over the events/budgets.
4. Bank and transaction fees should be periodically reviewed.
5. Exploring grant funding opportunities could help reduce pressure on subscription income.
6. Hardship Fund needs to be discussed and agreed.
7. At the time of preparing this report (11 February 2026), the financial records are with our independent examiner, Andy Fuller, who has kindly agreed to carry out this year's examination.

The independent examiner attended my home address on 10 February 2026 to review the records with me and ensure that everything was complete and in order.

He took a copies of the receipts to carry out a dip-sample review and completed the examination and sign off the accounts on 26/02/2022.

Acknowledgements

I would like to sincerely thank all Section Leaders, volunteers and Trustees for their continued commitment to delivering a high-quality programme for our young people and for their responsible oversight of the Group's finances.

As this was my first year serving as Treasurer, I am especially grateful for the significant support I received during the transition into the role. In particular, I would like to thank Jo (our outgoing Treasurer) for her time, patience and thorough handover. Her clear records, detailed explanations and willingness to answer questions ensured continuity and made stepping into the position far less daunting.

I would also like to thank all of the Trustees for their encouragement, practical support and understanding as I settled into the role. Their collective experience and guidance have been invaluable throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge Adam from the District for generously sharing his expertise with Online Scout Manager. His advice and support in navigating the system have been extremely helpful in ensuring our financial processes remain accurate and efficient.

The assistance I have received from all of the above has been greatly appreciated and has helped ensure that the Group's finances continue to be managed effectively. I would also like to thank parents and carers for their ongoing support through subscriptions and fundraising, which remain essential to the success of the Group.

Submitted by:

Michael Knox

1st Aylesford Scout Group Treasurer

11/02/2026

	2024-2025	2023-2024
Income		
Admin	0.00	21.00
Cubs Sponsored Bounce Mar24	0.00	846.00
Donation	0.00	305.05
Events - HOKH Shaun The Sheep	0.00	937.61
Events - Horsa Beavers	300.00	427.50
Events - Leopards Cubs	2,114.00	1,207.50
Events - Predators Scouts	170.00	130.00
Events - Squirrels	482.50	358.00
Events - Tigers Cubs	463.95	759.13
Events - Voyagers Scouts	5,086.32	3,736.37
Gift Aid	4,323.54	8,078.39
Grant	0.00	3,800.00
Meetings - Horsa Beavers	46.59	0.00
Meetings - Leopard Cubs	0.00	53.90
Meetings - Squirrels	18.00	0.00
Meetings - Tiger Cubs	0.00	32.00
Membership Fees	19,540.42	21,125.00
Expense		
Activity Equipment	1,415.62	0.00
Admin	1,576.90	1,406.75
Bank Fees	784.77	845.47
Camping Equipment	598.96	0.00
Capitation	0.00	7,017.00
Donation	0.00	1,398.18
Events - Beavers	0.00	80.00
Events - Easter Hamper 2024	0.00	2.98
Events - HOKH Shaun The Sheep	0.00	36.66
Events - Horsa Beavers	306.37	352.42
Events - Leopards Cubs	2,115.92	1,378.81
Events - Predators Scouts	359.05	250.04
Events - Squirrels	445.47	336.99
Events - Tigers Cubs	515.68	712.06
Events - Voyagers Scouts	7,198.11	1,399.08
Grant	0.00	3,725.97
Insurance	201.20	207.56
Meetings - Horsa Beavers	1,428.13	1,328.81
Meetings - Leopard Cubs	1,873.15	1,601.29
Meetings - Predator Scouts	609.11	1,377.92
Meetings - Squirrels	1,324.74	810.15
Meetings - Tigers Cubs	525.02	1,490.00
Meetings - Voyagers Scouts	1,504.57	413.91
Membership Costs	7,380.93	0.00
Rent	2,482.00	2,482.00
Toilet Hire	1,539.00	1,404.00
Trailer Storage	12.00	720.00
Account balances		
Expense Account	1,278.91	3,652.60
Lloyds	23,747.77	23,025.46
Assets (Sums Insured)		
Contents	11,449.00	
Ifor Williams Trailer BV85G	3,006.00	
Summary		
Account balance brought forward	26,678.06	15,638.66
Total income	32,545.32	41,817.45
Total expenditure	34,196.70	30,778.05
Net income	-1,651.38	11,039.40
Account balance carried forward	25,026.68	26,678.06

Treasurer

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01/03/2026

Chairperson

[Signature]

01/03/26

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A. FULLER

26/2/26



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
1st Aylesford Scout Group

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st August 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1024962

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30/08/2025**

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

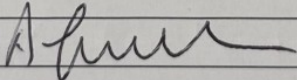
**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: 

Date: 26/2/26

Name: Andrew Fuller

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ACMA

Address:

69 Maxwell Drive
Maidstone
Kent ME16 0QY

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No items to disclose

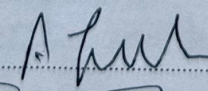
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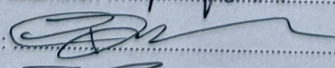
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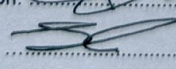
Accounts

YEAR END ACCOUNTS FOR 1st AYLESFORD SCOUT GROUP 2023/2024
1st September 2023 - 31st August 2024

	2023-2024	2022-2023
Income		
Admin	21.00	91.50
Bank Interest	0.00	1.14
Cubs Sponsored Bounce Mar24	846.00	0.00
Donation	305.05	1,282.50
Events - HOKH Shaun The Sheep	937.61	0.00
Events - Horsa Beavers	427.50	180.00
Events - Leopard Cubs	1,207.50	0.00
Events - Predator Scouts	130.00	746.00
Events - Quest 8	0.00	8,480.00
Events - Squirrels	358.00	0.00
Events - Tiger Cubs	1,059.00	844.50
Events - Voyagers Scouts	3,386.50	0.00
Gift Aid	8,078.39	0.00
Grant	3,800.00	200.00
Meetings - Leopard Cubs	53.90	69.00
Meetings - Tiger Cubs	32.00	0.00
Membership Fees	21,175.00	14,410.00
Expense		
Admin	1,518.81	2,451.76
Bank Fees	847.27	632.16
Camping Equipment	0.00	823.74
Capitation	7,017.00	6,755.00
Donation	1,398.18	2,550.00
Events - Beavers	80.00	0.00
Events - Easter Hamper 2024	2.98	0.00
Events - HOKH Shaun The Sheep	36.66	0.00
Events - Horsa Beavers	352.42	206.75
Events - Leopard Cubs	1,378.81	0.00
Events - Predators Scouts	250.04	718.72
Events - Quest 8	0.00	8,434.14
Events - Squirrels	575.82	0.00
Events - Tigers Cubs	717.46	711.70
Events - Voyagers Scouts	1,153.05	0.00
Grant	3,673.91	0.00
Insurance	207.56	177.61
Meetings - Horsa Beavers	1,443.81	2,320.41
Meetings - Leopard Cubs	1,513.79	2,350.95
Meetings - Predators Scouts	1,377.92	2,114.98
Meetings - Squirrels	768.24	2,321.58
Meetings - Tigers Cubs	1,490.00	2,239.06
Meetings - Voyagers Scouts	368.32	0.00
Rent	2,482.00	1,899.00
Toilet Hire	1,404.00	1,404.00
Trailer Storage	720.00	798.99
Training	0.00	15.00
Account balances		
Expense Account	3,652.60	1,659.89
Lloyds	23,025.46	13,978.77
Summary		
Account balance brought forward	15,638.66	28,259.57
Total income	41,817.45	26,304.64
Total expenditure	30,778.05	38,925.55
Net income	11,039.40	-12,620.91
Account balance carried forward	26,678.06	15,638.66

Signed by: Independent Examiner:  Dated: 4/3/25

Signed by: Chairperson:  Dated: 26-2-25

Signed by: Treasurer:  Dated: 21/2/25

Accounts approved and adopted at the AGM held on 21 February 2025



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name 1 st Aylesford Scout Group		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st August 2024	Charity no (if any)	1024962
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** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: Andrew Fullon Date: 3/2/25

Name: ANDREW FULLON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): CIMA

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KENT ME16 0BY

Section B

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date Period end date
 From 01 09 2022 To 31 08 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name 1st Aylesford Scout Group

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1024962

Charity's principal address 109 Poplar Grove

Maidstone

Kent

Postcode

ME16 0AJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Joanne Thompson	Treasurer		
2	Charlie Bunker	Chairperson		
3	Donna Morris	Secretary		
4	Craig Worcester	Group Scout Leader		
5	Georgina Edwards	Section Leader		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	<p>Adult volunteers are at the heart of Scouting, and all leaders and Board of Trustees have access to training. Scouting is not only about young people, but also about the development of adults within the Movement.</p> <p>To support adults in Scouting, the Association provides a comprehensive programme of training to build on existing skills and knowledge, and develop new competencies. Some elements of training can count towards externally recognised qualifications and, within the movement, there are also awards to recognise dedication to training and outstanding service.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>Providing activities and opportunities for local children from 6–14-year-olds. Encouraging them to learn new skills and develop their learning.</p>
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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In November 2022, the Group attended the church for a Remembrance service. Children marched from the gardens in Aylesford village up to the church, led by flagbearers. They were also invited to read a poem or passage before everyone went outside to observe the two-minute silence.

Our members enjoyed a variety of camps and activities this year within their sections. They also took part in 'Quest8' which was a district run event during the Early May Bank Holiday weekend, with over 550 young people in attendance. This was a great success, and incorporated all sections; Squirrels attended during the day, whilst Beavers, Cubs and Scouts camped overnight, ranging from 1 to 3 nights.

During the days, the young people rotated between a number of different activities, ranging from quad bikes, inflatable slides, shooting, archery, football, climbing, tomahawk axe throwing, animal corner, drums and bushcraft. They also went off-site on the Sunday to Mote Park, and spent a whole morning taking part in water sports. During the evenings, there was a campfire with songs, movie night and a silent disco.

The Group also supported one of our Scouts and one of our Young Leaders to attend the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea where, due to matters outside of the UK contingent's control, they had to move away from the main camp area and relocate into hotels in the capital. At their new location, they undertook different activities, which they enjoyed all the same.

All sections finished the year with our usual water activities, including water fights, and BBQs.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Fundraising – the group was fortunate enough to receive donations totalling £1282.50. Part of this was in support of the group, while the majority was a donation from our local parish council to support one of our Scouts and Young Leaders for their trip to South Korea.

The group attended the district-led camp, Quest8, and was the second largest attending groups in the district.

The group continues to maintain our numbers, with our new Squirrels section growing in numbers and popularity.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves are primarily used to protect against a future fall in income due to membership decline or a lack of fundraising opportunities. They are also used to underwrite the cost of travel arrangements for imminent activities.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Fees continued at £10 a month (including August when the sections do not meet). This has enabled each section to continue to receive their termly budgets at the level they were used to. Each section was given a budget to spend, with any residual at the end rolling over to the next term, until the end of the year at which point the monies went back into general funds.

The 12th month (August) fees will be reserved for 'Group funds' and used for replacing equipment and group activities.


Section F Other optional information

Another busy year of camps and exciting new opportunities for all our members. Our leaders continue to grow our group with their never-ending enthusiasm, with multiple leaders holding permits for camps, archery, fencing, climbing and tomahawk axe throwing.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

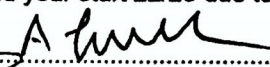
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

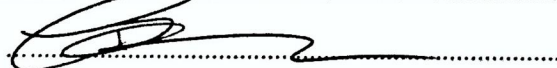
Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	CHARLIE	SWICK.
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	7-MARCH 24.	

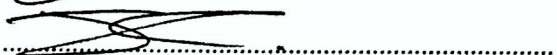
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1st September 2022 - 31st August 2023

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Income		
Admin	10.40	91.50
Bank Interest	7.29	1.14
Donation	0.00	1,282.50
Events - Horsa Beavers	732.50	180.00
Events - Predator Scouts	828.50	746.00
Events - Quest 8	0.00	8,480.00
Events - Tiger Cubs	0.00	844.50
Events - Leopard Cubs	1,264.05	0.00
Events - Joint Cub Packs	195.00	0.00
Grant	0.00	200.00
Meetings - Leopard Cubs	0.00	69.00
Membership Fees	13,885.00	14,410.00
Expense		
Admin	1,236.71	2,451.76
Bank Fees	0.00	632.18
Camping Equipment	789.06	823.74
Capitation	5,750.00	6,755.00
Donation	0.00	2,550.00
Events - Horsa Beavers	725.64	206.75
Events - Predators Scouts	729.24	718.72
Events - Quest 8	0.00	8,434.14
Events - Tigers Cubs	0.00	711.70
Events - Leopard Cubs	1,137.45	0.00
Events - Joint Cub Packs	188.86	0.00
Insurance	171.80	177.61
Meetings - Horsa Beavers	2,238.81	2,320.41
Meetings - Leopard Cubs	2,398.46	2,350.95
Meetings - Predators Scouts	1,713.57	2,114.98
Meetings - Squirrels	773.78	2,321.58
Meetings - Tigers Cubs	2,255.43	2,239.06
Rent	1,095.00	1,899.00
Toilet Hire	1,404.00	1,404.00
Trailer Storage	720.00	798.99
Training	100.00	15.00
Account balances		
Expense Account	0.00	1,659.89
Lloyds	0.00	13,978.77
Santander	28,259.58	0.00
Summary		
Account balance brought forward	34,764.65	28,259.57
Total income	16,922.74	26,304.64
Total expenditure	23,427.81	38,925.55
Net income	-6,505.07	-12,620.91
Account balance carried forward	<u>28,259.58</u>	<u>15,638.66</u>

£0.01 difference from year end 21/22 and year start 22/23 due to changing over systems

Signed by: Independent Examiner:  Dated: 1/2/24

Signed by: Chairperson:  Dated: 3/2/24

Signed by: Treasurer:  Dated: 3/2/24

Accounts approved and adopted at the AGM held on 3 February 2024



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

1st Aylesford Scout Group

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st August 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1024962

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2023**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Andrew Fuller

Date:

1/2/24

Name:

Andrew Fuller

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

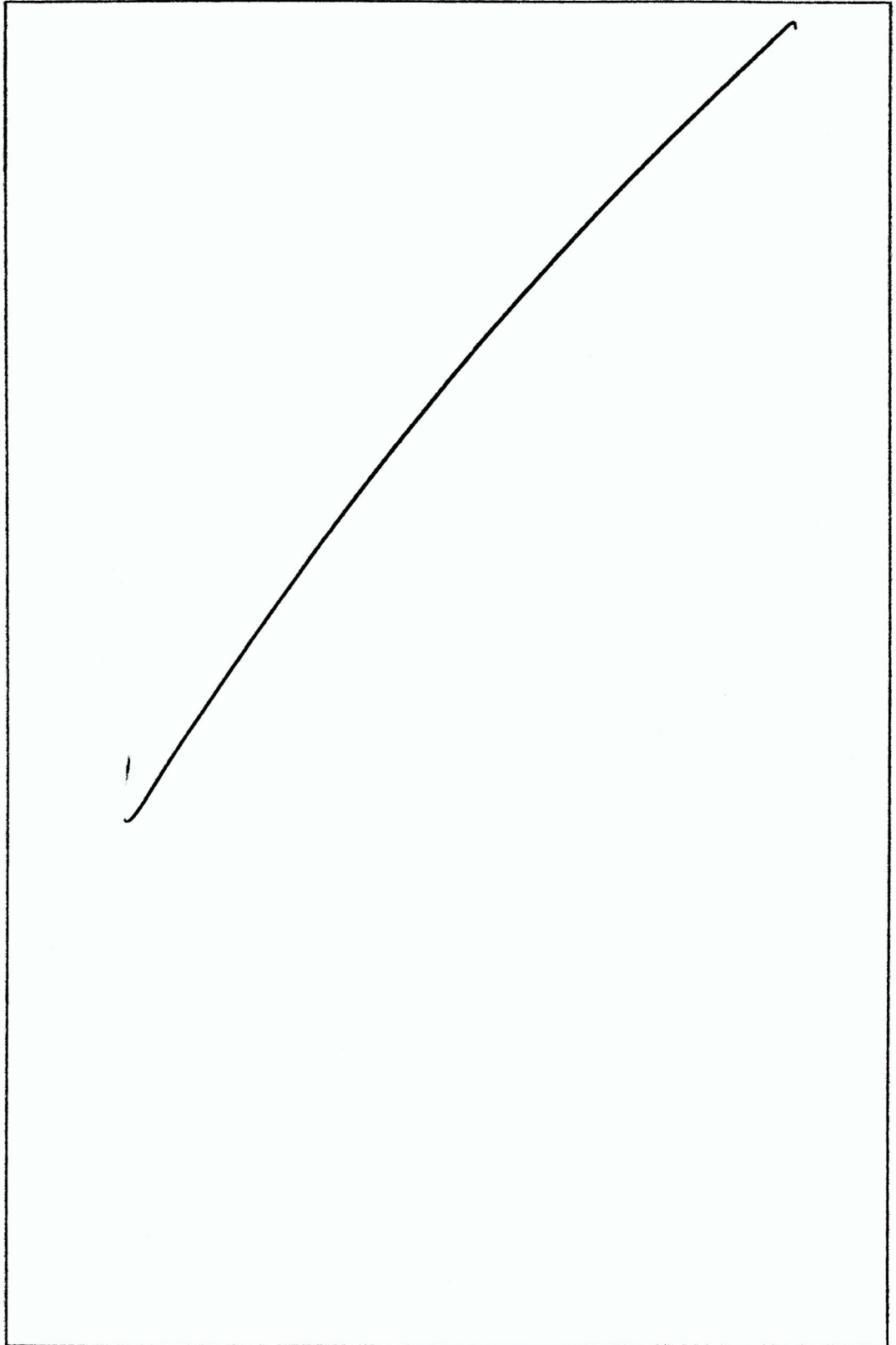
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



1ST AYLESFORD SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1024962

Accounts

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The beginning of our new year started very well, and the children enjoyed the usual high standard of activities and events, including the Scouts going on a Canal Boat trip during October half term.

Unfortunately, due to Coronavirus outbreak and lockdown the group was forced to make some quick decisions regarding fees and meetings. As usual, our amazing leaders rose to the challenge and managed to continue to provide a fun packed programme via Zoom. The scout and cub sections used Zoom to continue to meet up virtually and the Beavers would take part in weekly challenges set by their leaders. All in all, we managed to continue to keep our children engaged and provide a much-needed release during these unprecedented times.

Charlie Girling Bursary – After many meetings with the Girling family and the group exec, it was agreed that we would set up a £15,000 bursary in memory of Charlie Girling with funds previously raised by the group and his family and friends. The Girling's were very keen for all children in the area to benefit from this money and so it was agreed that the bursary would be held by Malling District and administered by the District Commissioner with agreement from the Girling family. Money was transferred in August 2020.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Various Fundraising is carried out throughout the year by sections and the exec. These included:

- Archery lessons at the local school
- Fencing lessons at the local school
- Burger stall at the Scout Xmas Fayre – proceeds given to the Forever 21 charity
- Beavers sponsored silence – proceeds given to the Royal British Legion Industries where our Beavers entertained some of the Veterans and then presented them with a cheque

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves are primarily used to protect against a future fall in income due to membership decline or a lack of fundraising opportunities. They are also used to underwrite the cost of travel arrangements for imminent activities.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Fees continued at £15 a month until end of March 2020 when we were put into lockdown. Fees were then made a voluntary contribution to the group until further notice.

Section F


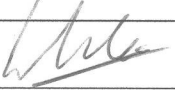
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	ROBERT CAMPBELL	LLOYD GREEN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	GROUP SCOUT LEADER
Date	26/1/2021	

YEAR END ACCOUNTS FOR 1st AYLESFORD SCOUT GROUP 2019/2020 - 1st September 2019 - 31st August 2020

CURRENT ACCOUNT		
Starting Balance	£17,340.42	
Category	Income	Expenditure
Fees	£17,725.00	£0.00
Section Budgets	£270.00	£5,904.52
Canalboat	£1,080.00	£1,065.92
Gift Aid	£5,844.46	£5,844.46
Halloween Camp	£256.00	£255.50
Insurance	£0.00	£430.76
Scout Shop	£274.50	£0.00
Scout Sailing Trip	£1,350.00	£1,350.00
Training	£0.00	£100.00
Website	£0.00	£180.00
Ice Camp	£220.00	£196.36
Fundraising	£858.00	£10.00
Group - Capitation		£7,128.00
Group - Badges		£500.49
Group - Leaders Uniform		£187.95
Group - Neckers		£57.00
Group - Brocard room Rent		£2,160.00
Group - Gifts/Flowers		£282.11
Group - Trailer storage & clamp		£632.98
Group - AGM	£75.00	£250.00
Group - Poppy wreath/badges		£117.62
Group - Zoom Licence		£71.95
Group - various		£175.90
Climbing	£210.00	£0.00
Donation	£300.00	£578.00
Compwood Scout Camp	£240.00	£243.94
Cub LGFarm	£296.00	£72.00
Escape Room	£190.00	£0.00
TOTALS	£29,188.96	£27,795.46


DEPOSIT ACCOUNT		
Starting Balance	£23,370.53	
Category	Income	Expenditure
Gift Aid (t/f from current)	£5,844.46	
Interest	£136.32	
Just giving	£591.34	£90.00
Charlie Girling Bursary (transferred to District)		£15,000.00
TOTALS	£6,572.12	£15,090.00

End Balance £14,852.65

End Balance £18,733.92

The above Income and Expenditure account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 16/11/20 and signed on their behalf by

Signature



Print Name

Chair Rob Campbell
Treasurer K. MORRIS