

3RD AYLESBURY SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1040760

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1994-09-14

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: Weekly section meetings, camping, hiking, all helping to develop the spiritual, physical and mental well being of the young person.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Buckinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£25,168	£26,808	-	-
2024-03-31	£18,540	£12,791	-	-
2023-03-31	£17,195	£27,732	-	-
2022-03-31	£23,620	£16,392	-	-
2021-03-31	£41,360	£19,035	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Simon Buckland	Chair	2018-03-08
ABI PARRY		2022-09-07
Geoffrey House		2022-09-07
Paul Turner		2024-07-13
SHARON Mitchell		
SKYE ELWIN		
Tracey Nicola Ann Pickavance		2024-07-13

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**3rd Aylesbury
(38 Starrenburg)**

Annual Report 2024-2025

To be presented on 21st July 7.00pm at

3rd Aylesbury Scouts AGM

Scouts HQ, Old Stoke Road, Aylesbury HP21 8DE

Find out what we have been doing over the past year and how you can be part of our future

Volunteering is easier than you think. With full support and training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis.

Give young people the skills they need to succeed in life and discover how being part of the Scouting family can be as rewarding for you, as it is for them.

Adgenda

- Welcome
- Previous Minutes
- Group Lead Volunteer Report
- Chair Report
- Trustee Report
- Treasurers Report
- District Representative
- AOB
- Close Meeting

Registration and Trustee Details

Appointed Trustees

Simon Buckland	Chair
Skye Elwin	Buildings Lead
Abi Parry	Fundraising Lead
Paul Turner	Leaders Representative
Lucy Elwin	Leaders Representative
Geoff House	Trustee
Tracy Pickavance	Trustee

Ex Officio Trustee

Sharon Mitchel Treasurer	Group Lead Volunteer and
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Registration Details

The Scout Association Registration Number – 10009917

Registered Charity Number – 1040760

Bankers – Lloyds Bank, Market Square, Aylesbury

- The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Groups of The Scout Association
- The Trustees are appointed in accordance with Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association
- The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with previous years

Previous minutes

Group Executive Meeting - AGM

Date: 13th July 2024 @ 3.00pm
Venue: 3rd Aylesbury Scout Hut

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3rd Aylesbury
(38th
Starrenburg)

WELCOME

- Thank you for coming, the AGM has to be completed in line with the charity commission
- Simon will email out a copy of the report.

ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES

- No apologies received.
- Attendees: Abi Parry, Niamh Eddy, Geoff House, Paul Turner, Naomi Turner, Lucy Elwin, Skye Elwin, Jodie Pinnell, Chris Vaughan, Sharon Mitchell, Simon Buckland, Murray Dobbie, Lee Eddy, Carolyn Eddy, Joseph Turner

MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

- Welcome and thank you from Simon Buckland (Chairperson).
- One error (time) on previous AGM minutes has been corrected.
- AGM is held as a legal obligation as we are a charity - this is an opportunity (if required) to raise any concerns or questions.
- Minutes distributed from last year's meeting - previous minutes all agreed from AGM 2023. All parents have been sent a copy of the AGM report via email.

GROUP SCOUT LEADER REPORT

- 100 young people, aged 4-14. Plus, Explorer Scouts (ages 14-18) taking part in all different activities throughout the year. Additional scouts have taken part in the scouting forum to allow the thoughts of all the young people. To be extended to Beavers this year and then Squirrels. Been meeting at Braidwood (sometimes overnight) on a monthly meeting. Introduced by the District Youth

Commissioner. The findings were discussed at a session at the Waterside Theatre..

- Young people took part in St Georges Day parade, and the last ever JOTT.
- Thanks to all the young leaders with their support, mentoring of the young members.
- Change in the trustee board this year, emphasising the important role of overseeing the governance of the group. Brings it into line to what is required by the charity commission. Their role is to help manage money, follow expected policy, legislation particularly on safety and safeguarding, look after the buildings, manage risks and help the charity operate effectively.
- Trustees have been doing a great job over the last year adapting to these changes including those changes taking effect as of this meeting. Thanks given to not just the trustees, but the operational teams who have overseen areas such as fundraising, maintaining the building. Have been preparing to go through transformation, as discussed at last year's AGM, this should now take part sometime during the autumn.
- Thank you to all the teams for their diligent and excellent work this year.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

- Thank you to parents, leaders and the young people for their support this year. We wouldn't be able to run the activities and have the facilities without the support.

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

- Please see the report that has been emailed out.
- Reserves policy - £15,000 held in reserves which covers us for 12 months should anything happen.
- No funds in long term accounts. No investment policy needed.
- Normal scout group constitution to be adopted.
- Changes in the trustee board, individuals have been selected to fill the trustee roles. No one is elected now. Nine trustees on the board - GSL - Murray Dobbie, Chairman - Simon Buckland, Treasurer - Sharon Mitchell, plus 5 others. Need 50% of the trustees plus 1 to attend the meetings. Fundraising lead - Abi, buildings ++ - Skye, leader's representatives - Paul and Lucy, then Hannah and Geoff as standard members. No objections to these positions. Under the new rules we can offer these positions for up to three years, we've

decided for this year just to do it for one year, so we all understand how it works. We may change this, no problem to do so.

- Over the last year, all sections have been very busy with lots of activities. Thank you to all the volunteers and parents who have helped and supported. It takes a lot of time and effort so big thank you to everyone.
- Thursday Cubs section has now closed, no one was able to take on the leader roles. All young people been offered places in other sections, no one has lost a place.
- Many thanks to Tamara and Charlotte for their time running Cubs over the last few years.
- Thank you to Carolyn for her time as a secretary, she is now going to work with Beavers. Under the charity commission rules we require a secretary/administrator; however, they are not required to be a trustee. Required to take minutes etc but is not necessarily involved with the decision making. Looking to fill the position now.
- Thank you to all the current trustees for all your support, time and effort.
- Adoption of the constitution - any objections to carrying forward, no.

TREASURERS REPORT / FINANCES

- All information is in the report.
- Reviewed finances, had to increase subs in February this year from £12-£16 per month, all young people have increased if required.
- Capitation fees, biggest outlay - £6262
- Two gift aid claims, nearly £5000 claimed, two years more to claim.
- Energy bills - costing us £1000 pa more than they used to. Not expecting this to change too much now.
- Fundraising - £2000 last year, £500 donation from Lloyds, hall hire fees £600

OTHER BUSINESS

- Skye - an email is to be sent to out as all parents asking if we have parents in the trade asking for their advice if we need it to help with buildings etc

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE - Murray Dobbie

- See above

Meeting closed - 3.20pm

Group Chair Report

Firstly I need to say a massive thank you to all of the parents and young people for your continued support of 3rd Aylesbury Scouts. Without all of you we would not be here today and we would most definitely not be the fantastic group that we are.

As you will see from the various section reports all of the sections have been busy this year with all sorts of activities, including trips, camps and many other different activities.

This year has been a difficult year for Scouting in general with lots of changes for all of us in the way we manage groups, meetings and sections. One of the main changes has been to training of new leaders and adult helpers and moving over to a new online system for all of Scouting.

As always the whole movement of Scouting UK relies on people giving up their time to volunteer with us and without all of these people we would not be able to provide the support and fun for all of the young people that 3rd Aylesbury Scouts does.

I need to take this opportunity to thank Chris Vaughn for all of his support over the years who has decided to step back from being Scout Section Leader. I also need to say a big thank you to Murray Dobbie who after many years working with the group has decided to move on to other challenges and as a group we would like to wish him luck and to thank him for all of his support over the years. Along with these changes we also have another change with Sharon Mitchell taking up the role of Group Lead Volunteer, alongside her current role as Treasurer.

It is widely recognised that there is a shortage of adult helpers in all groups not just ours along with long waiting lists for young people looking to join. The only way to help this is to attract more regular adult helpers and leaders to take up the challenge.

If you think this may be of interest to you please let us know and talk to one of us about ways you could help and support the group. There are various roles from regular help with sections as leaders, to help with building and kit maintenance, fundraising, administration roles and various other things you can do to help. Please just talk to us or your section leaders.

Simon Buckland

Chair Group Trustee Board

Finance Report Summary

The Group accounts are in a healthy position, with a good reserve of money.

- Our biggest outlay is the Capitation fee paid to County and District each year. This year's amount was £5680.
- The decision to increase subs in early 2024 from £12 to £16 has meant an increase in subs payments over the year of just over £2000.
- Gift Aid Claims. We have yet to claim any more gift aid due to changes within the Group but we are still focusing on contacting parents that have yet to sign the declaration in order to maximise the amount we can claim.
- Energy bills have remained fairly steady compared with last year costing the group £250 less than last year.
- Fundraising has brought in an amazing £1538 this year. A large part of this came from bag packing in the run up to Christmas. It was agreed that all fundraising this year will be set aside for our 100th Birthday celebration day in September. All sections have been running events and we are confident we will reach our target.
- Lloyds Bank Foundation made a donation £500 for employee volunteering with an additional £260 for matched giving following a scout section fundraising event.
- We received £636 in payments for the hire of our hall.

Accounts Summary For The Year 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025

Subs	£15648.00
Weekend/Daytrips	-£2480.85
Uniform/Badges	-£504.64
Fundraising	£1538.56
Program/Activities	-£335.33
Equipment	-£425.31
Virgin	-£561.60
Gas	-£2414.79
Electric	-£812.01
Maintenance	-£2961.09
Chubb	-£312.04
Insurance	-£9288.50
Waste	-£288.40
Administration	-£582.61
Van	£600
Water	-£183.01
Hall Hire	£636.00
Donations	£795.00
Interest	£288.08
TOTAL	-£1644.57

Monetary Assets as of 31st March 2025

Main Account £12372.74

Activity Account £1003.85

Savings Account £7041.22

Treasury Account £10202.51

Total £30620.32

Non-Monetary Assets

Land & Building £250000.00

Equipment £25000.00

Group Lead Volunteer Report

Another great year for all members of the 3rd Aylesbury, with many fun and exciting activities taking place, pushing young people beyond their comfort zone, resulting in some amazing personal achievements.

We have had a busy year full of days out, hikes, camps and much more. To name a few, our youngsters have visited RAF Hendon, slept over at Gullivers Land, litter picked with the Wombles, had a week long activity camp, completed Endurance 40, learnt about first aid with South Central Ambulance Service and supported the local food bank. Trailjam replaced the much loved JOTT and saw all sections hiking together around the local countryside.

A change from Saturday mornings to Monday evenings for our youngest section, saw 4 new leaders take up the challenge and join the team. Numbers of Squirrels increased almost immediately and the section is going from strength to strength.

We are very proud of our cubs and scouts that are representing the Group in our District Youth Shaped programme forums. Joining with other members from across the District to share ideas and thoughts. We also had 2 of our Scouts chosen to represent Bucks Scouts at the UK Youth Forum in Oxford earlier in the year.

With 5 sections meeting each week, we couldn't achieve this without the hard work and dedication seen by our Leader Teams, Young Leaders and parent helpers. Also our Trustee Board, Maintenance and Fundraising teams who look after the Governance of the Group, keep us and our building safe and come up with some great ideas to help raise much needed funds. All this enables us to continue to offer the great opportunities we do to so many young people.

2025 marks our 100th Birthday and a big celebration is planned for later in the year. All sections took up the challenge to fundraise to make this a celebration to remember and what an amazing start. So

far we have, bag packed at the local supermarket and sang Christmas carols to shoppers, held a Christmas Bazaar, had a Christmas raffle, made and sold cakes, and everyone's favourite Bunny Bingo. Thank you and well done to everybody that has worked hard to make this happen. Also a huge thank you to the parents, uncles, aunts and grandparents that have supported their youngsters with these events.

I hope you are all looking forward to another amazing scouting year

Sharon Mitchell

Group Lead Volunteer

Echo Squirrels Section Report September 2024 - June 2025

We began our Squirreling year with an exciting Open Day at the hut with drew many new faces to the section, as well as some existing Squirrels to show us the way.

We have endeavoured to use the local community as much as we can from SCAS (South Central Ambulance Service) and The Aylesbury Wombles, we have been helping to raise money for 3rd Aylesbury Scouts 100th Birthday in September which we had a very successful Bag Packing session at Sainsburys on Gatehouse. We may not have been able to help with packing much, but we certainly cheered up shoppers and staff with our carol singing and smiley faces.

In March we organised the first Sponsored Squirrel Scoot - Mr Falkner, the Head Teacher of Bearbrook School allowed us to use his large playground and facilities for the event where we invited 1st Aylesbury Squirrels to join and do their own fundraising. We raised an amazing total of £1,285 from zooming around and having a lot of fun.

We also followed up the session with The Aylesbury Wombles, when Tom was able to borrow some litter picking devises to do our own Squirrel Litter Pick behind the hut at the Old Stoke Road Allotments. We met several allotment owners who were very pleased with the work we were doing, and we certainly picked up a lot of rubbish in and outside or the allotment area.

During the Summer Term we are continuing to work through badges, cooking, fitness and den building. We are heading off to Beech Green to do a Den Building session where there is a lovely clear open space to build some amazing structures.

Beavers Harriers

The beavers have been very busy this year, We started off with a 2 night camp staying at Phasel's wood activity centre, where we took part in climbing, Tunnels and more.

We joined the county at the Beaveree under the sea at Paccar, which was great fun

Joined in with Trailjam where all the beavers got a little muddy.

Before the summer holidays we had a great splatter night with bats and water balloons

We made rockets for bonfire night, We carved pumpkins for Halloween, made nests from recycled items, for eggs to drop from a height (most of them survived)

We have worked on emergency aid, disability badge, gardening and community badges, the beavers raise money by doing good deeds, then go to Tesco to shop items for their local food bank. The beavers have been reading books and designing their own book covers

The beavers have all been very busy trying and learning new things, we have been so proud of each of them. During this year we have had many move up to cubs proudly with their bronze award.

Beaver team

3rd Aylesbury Cub Pack's Hurricane report

The beginning of this year has seen a busy programme with lots of great activities taking place during normal weekly pack nights and over various weekends.

Some examples of the badges achieved in the past year by the Cubs are Home help, Chef and Scientist. And also fundraising for our groups 100th birthday celebrations

Achieving Activity and Challenge Badges all count towards their silver Award. A reminder for parents that activity badges can be worked towards outside of Scouting at home e.g., if the Cub is also a member of a swimming or football club or working towards their Music grades, this can be used to gain the relevant Scouting Badge.

Few weekend activities we have joined in over the year included district panto, trail jam and Staying over at Gulliver's.

We are also looking at other activities for the cubs to join in so please keep an eye out for emails

Lastly, none of this happens without the support of all our wonderful leader team, so a big thank you to Denise (Bagheera), & Wendy (Rashka), Oliver (Rama) and James (Chil) for all your help this year.

But most of all we would like to say thank you to the Cubs for attending, joining in, gaining their badges and making Scouting fun.

Akela (Lucy)

Scouts AGM report April 24-March 24.5

The Valiant Scout troop has again been working closely with the Vulcan troop, running a parallel program. The summer Term with started a number of outdoor activities, including hikes, a successful Trail Jam trip, tent pitching, and the Naturalist badge at Aston Clinton park.

We undertook a day trip to the RAF museum in Hendon, for a day out earning the air activities badge.

The Aylesbury Wombles came to visit, and the scouts did a litter pick around the Southcourt area collecting all sorts of rubbish from the hedgerows and paths.

We once again travelled to the Intents week at Thriftwood camp site for an exciting week of activities, including (but not limited to) climbing, abseiling, water activities (falling in was mandatory) a talent show, day trip to Southend, and what has become a favourite activity of the scouts, sleeping in hammocks

As the nights pulled in on the autumn term the scouts undertook some badge challenges, with a group visiting the Warhammer store in town to complete the model maker badge, and the Mechanics badge and Emergency aid were also on offer,

A chip shop challenge in town provided a fun night finding the best chips in Aylesbury, and lots of work went into planning and running a Christmas fair to raise funds for the Groups centenary, and the annual trip to Sainsbury's for bag packing in the run up to Christmas also helped boost the coffers for the celebration,

The spring term provided some new challenges, with the scouts learning how to cook on wood fired Kelly kettles and Hobo stoves, in preparation for a weekend in the woods, sleeping in hammocks and cooking their own food, along with Geocaching, map reading and another trip to the Warhammer store.

Spring term saw leader changes within the Valiant and Vulcan teams, with Paul (Gadget) moving over from Vulcan, to take on the role of Section Lead Volunteer with Valiant, and we are also pleased to have Geoff join Jodie and myself as a volunteer.

Vulcan Troop Report 24-25

Vulcan have been working in tandem with Valiant Troop this year, running a joint program and hosting some meetings together over the course of the year. Summer term 24 consistent of a host of outdoor activities to make the most of the weather before the Autumn term and earlier nights drew in.

This included Summer Camp, where the Scouts covered a range of outdoor pursuits and developed a love of sleeping in hammocks.

September and the Winter term brought a change in weather and activities, now focusing on badgework indoors with some knot work, crafting a water filter, and preparing for the Christmas Fayre. This was a fundraising activity for the Scouts, joint with Valiant, and was a huge success. Thanks to the Parents for attending the event and to the Scouts for planning, running, and managing the stalls on the evening.

Into the Spring and a return to an outdoor focus, with a programme packed with maps, geo-caching, back packing, and everything else you'd need to carry out a successful expedition hike. This was put to the test at the end of term with a hammock only weekend camp at Braidwood, with a 16km hike and some back to basics fire lighting and cooking.

The Troop has seen growth over this year, from a low of 6 Scouts on average to now 16 on the books. This is excellent to see increased numbers as it allows us to undertake more challenging team activities and

learn and support each other in different ways. We hope to see this number increase, so please feel free to bring a friend!

We've also seen some leadership changes this year, with our long-standing Scout Leader Chris Vaughan taking his well earned retirement from weekly Scout meetings. Chris has been an ever present member of 3rd Aylesbury, and has been in scouting since 1998. His service to the group has been excellent and he will certainly be missed, although we are pleased to say he remains affiliated having joined the Maintenance Committee for the Group.

With Chris stepping back I have taken responsibility for running Vulcan Troop. I've been in Scouting for 26 years, having joined as a Beaver aged 6 and progressed through the movement, becoming a Leader at age 18 with my local group, 3rd Worthing, in West Sussex. I moved to Wales for University and ran 15th Cardiff for seven years, before moving to Aylesbury last year with my wife to be closer to family. Since joining 3rd Aylesbury I've been hugely impressed with the set up, the support, and the kids themselves, it's a real pleasure to be part of this Group and I hope to continue the current good form the group is in.

Finally, thanks to our leadership team over this year in Tori, Scott, and Paul (Gadget) for their help and support over the course of the year, with Paul moving to lead Valiant Troop, much to Oscars dismay. Thanks also to the parent helpers we've had, your support is always incredibly valuable.

Trustee Responsibilities

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Trustee Board considered that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £6,000. As we are now in the period following the COVID-19 pandemic the trustees consider that in the light of the problems encountered since March 2020, that this level would be insufficient for our needs and we need to increase our reserves to around 12 months running costs to weather any similar future occurrences.

The Group held a balance of £15,000 in its savings account against this at the end of March 2023. This would be above the level required for operating expenses.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group as at the balance sheet date, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees should:

- Follow best practice and select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Scout Council will continue on that basis.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time the financial position of the Group to enable them to ensure that the financial statements meet the requirements of the Charity Commission. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies with the Scout Association subsidiary Unity to ensure that insurable risks are covered

The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment – The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss. Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the annual subscription fees contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising – The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions, Gift Aid from subscriptions and other allowable fundraising activities as well as general fundraising. These sources of income have not only allowed us to maintain our resources but to increase and enhance them with additions to the activities and equipment that the Group owns. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders – The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members – The Group provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 14. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the Group.

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. On an historical basis the Group has a small amount in the Scout Association Short Term Investment Fund. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds.

All funds are therefore held in cash accounts using only a mainstream bank other than £250.00 which is held in the Scout Association Short Term Investment account.

Scout Group Constitution

The operation of the Scout Group as a charity is governed by its Constitution. The standard Constitution for a Group District or County is covered by Chapter 5 of our Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) – specifically section 5.4.

It is recommended that the Group adopt this as their Constitution which can be amended with any local considerations as may be required and re-adopted at all subsequent Annual General Meetings

Quorums for Meetings

It is recommended that the Quorum for Group Trustee Board meetings is 50% + 1

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Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 3rd Aylesbury (38 Starrenburg) Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 3rd Aylesbury (38 Starrenburg) for the year ended 31st March 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 3rd Aylesbury (38 Starrenburg) 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 3rd Aylesbury (38 Starrenburg) accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 3rd Aylesbury (38 Starrenburg) as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:

R. Butcher ACMA, G.C.M.A.

Name:

ROBERT BUTCHER.

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

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Date:

16th July 2025

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On the 23rd July 2021 at 7.00pm
Scout HQ, Old Stoke Road, Aylesbury, HP21 8DE

Find out what we have been doing over the past year and how you can be part of our future

Volunteering is easier than you think. With full support and training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis.

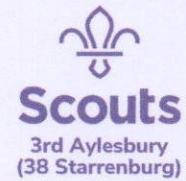
Give young people the skills they need to succeed in life and discover how being part of the Scouting family can be as rewarding for you, as it is for them.

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Annual General Meeting Agenda for 23rd July 2021



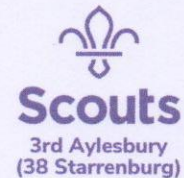
1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the last AGM
4. Group Scout Leaders Report
5. Trustees Annual Report
6. Treasurers Report
7. GSL's nomination of Chair and Council Approval
8. Election of Treasurer
9. Election of Secretary
10. Election of other Members

Elected Members

Nominated Members

Co-opted Members
11. District Representative
12. Close

Annual General Meeting Trustees & Registration Information



Trustees : *Ex-Officio*

Ms Tracey Pickavance – Group Scout Leader
Mrs Sharon Mitchell – Harrier Beaver Scout Leader (resigned 07/03/21)
Mrs Teresa Thomas – Harrier Beaver Scout Leader (from 07/03/21)
Miss Lucy Elwin – Hurricane Cub Scout Leader
Ms Tamara Leighton – Spitfire Cub Scout Leader
Mr Stuart Dobbie – Valiant Scout Leader (resigned 31/10/20)
Ms Nicola Batson – Valiant Scout Leader (from 31/10/20)
Mr Chris Vaughan – Vulcan Scout Leader
Mrs Skye Elwin – Stirling Active Support Manager

Trustees : *Elected*

Mr Raymond Marshall - Treasurer (resigned 11/02/21)
Mrs Carolyn Eddy – Secretary
Mr Greg Board

Trustees : *Nominated*

Mr Simon Buckland – Chair
Mr Andrew Elwin
Mr Murray Dobbie

Trustees : *Co-opted*

Mrs Sharon Mitchell (from 07/03/21)

Registration Details :

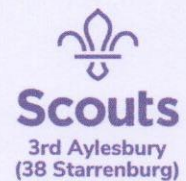
The Scout Association Registration Number – 1342
Registered Charity Number – 1040760
Bankers – Lloyds Bank, Market Square, Aylesbury
Group Contact – Ms Tracey Pickavance

- The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Groups of The Scout Association
- The Trustees are appointed in accordance with Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association
- The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with previous years

Minutes of 2020 Annual General Meeting

17th September 2020, 19.00hrs via Zoom

Scout HQ, Old Stoke Road, Aylesbury



Attendees and Apologies

- Attendees: Simon Buckland, Sharon Pinnell, Murray Dobbie, Lucy Elwin, Andy Elwin, Carolyn Eddy, Greg Board, Stuart Dobbie, Tracey Pickavance, Myra Dobbie, Skye Elwin, Tamara Leighton, Ian Westgate, Lee Eddy, Isaac Eddy, Teresa Thomas, Sonia (Justice's mum), Dave Tubbs, Karen Bunce, Ray Marshall, Tania (Saveyth's mum), Hanidu, Yash Prabha Asrawal,
- Apologies: Mark Rutland, Chris Vaughan,

Previous Minutes

- Welcome from Simon Buckland (Chairperson).
- AGM is held as a legal obligation as we are a charity – this is an opportunity (if required) to raise any concerns or questions.
- Previous minutes all agreed from AGM 2019.

Group Scout Leader Report

- GSL report – thank you given to all for attendance.
- Been a challenging year so far, thank you for all the work on zoom, has proved to be an invaluable link for the young people.
- Murray – thank you for all your work on the Exec, and especially for getting the building ready for when we can meet again (hopefully October). Invaluable member of the 3rd. He is around to let people into the scout hut if required and has even managed to get the windows opened!!
- Unfortunately, the group is not able to meet at the school at the moment, we are looking at a different night at the hut to accommodate the Monday Cubs when we are able to meet face to face.
- Sadly, no Beaver leader has been recruited, but the existing Beavers have been absorbed into the existing Friday colony.
- Group awards given to: Carolyn (5-year service), Steve (10-year service), Lucy (10-year service), Stuart – received his wood beads, now a fully-fledged leader, Andy – bar to award of merit award.
- Leaders have been working very hard – congratulations to all.
- Still after parental help in all sections, either in sessions or on Exec. Please contact Tracey if you are able to help.

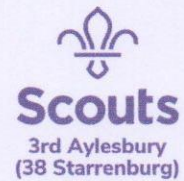
Trustees Annual Report

- Thank the Executive committee for all their help and support over the last year.
- It has been an interesting year – mission camp, which was attended by over 100 young people. Thoroughly enjoyed by all attendees, now looking forward to future camps.
- During lockdown, the young people have been busy working on their badges and fundraising, thank you to them for all their hard work.
- Thank you to Tamara for coming on board at Cubs, your support is appreciated.
- A further request made for volunteer helpers.

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- Thank you to Murray – we'd be lost without him. He has acted as a chair, and an unofficial trustee in finance.

Finance Report

- The bank account amount is lower than normal, reasons for this are listed in the report. Gift aid from the previous year has now been claimed.
- Mission camp was a large expenditure due to number of number of attendees. More equipment was required as a result.
- Building work on the Scout Hut has required some spending – these include an alarm system which has been upgraded, electrics have been tested, etc.
- We started this new financial year in a better position – money was received in the form of a government grant of £10,000, given to those paying business rates. A large portion of this money to be used to get the scout hut COVID secure and should be completed hopefully by the end of the month.
- The group accounts are to be passed to Ray to take on the treasurer role in due course.

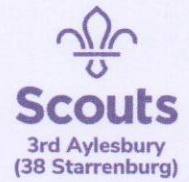
Election of Roles

- Simon nominated as Chairperson by Tracey, seconded by Myra
- Ray nominated as Treasurer by Murray, seconded by Andy
- Carolyn nominated as Secretary by Myra, seconded by Tracey
- Greg happy to remain as an Exec member, Tracey seconded.
- Andy nominated to join as a nominated member by Simon, seconded by Carolyn
- Murray – re-nominated as a standard exec member by Andy and seconded by Tracey
- No other volunteers at this point to join the Exec.
- Other members of the Exec who are happy to continue: Sharon, Lucy, Chris, Skye. Tamara will also be joining.

District Representative

- Ian Westgate, Chairman of District, attending due to the unavailability of Mark Rutland (apologies sent).
- He looked at the group's annual report and section reports, it's clear we have been very busy throughout the year.
- The group has risen to the challenge, clearly shown by all the activities and badges that have been achieved.
- The importance of training was explained, all exec members need to under go training such as safeguarding etc
- He thanked Murray – not only is he incredibly important to the 3rd, but he also acts as Local Training Manager, this is shown by the exemplary training record.
- Scout groups are looking to meet together once again, Murray is also the approver for all necessary risk assessments, to ensure all activities and meetings are completed in a compliant manner.
- Thank you given to Murray for all his help.

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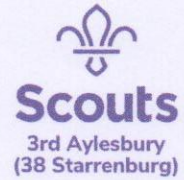
- Thank you given to the group for welcoming him, wished us good luck for the coming year.

Questions

- No questions were raised. Any future questions are to be forwarded to Simon or Tracey.

Meeting closed – 7.35pm

Group Scout Leader 2020 - 2021



This has been another challenging year for us all due to the situation with covid. Our committed Leaders have again worked tirelessly to provide interesting zoom sessions with a variety of activities ranging from magicians, martial arts, cooking, visits from Alpaca Farm and Bucks Goat centre. We even had a visit from Father Christmas himself to name a few! A heartfelt thank you to all the Leaders and to the Youngsters for their enthusiasm and commitment at the zoom sessions. Due to the Leaders continued efforts we have still had Youngsters receiving the highest awards for their section, ie: Beavers Bronze, Cubs Silver and Scouts Gold award. This also require additional effort and input from the Youngsters themselves.

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of Myra Dobbie earlier this year. She will be greatly missed by her Scouting family here at the 3rd and the wider Scouting community in our District and County. We were always encouraged by her passion and enthusiasm for Scouting and over her 40-year Scouting career her legacy is the way that she helped shape the 3rd Aylesbury to form the large successful group it is today.

We have had some changes to the leadership team at Friday Beavers as Sharon has stepped down as Section Leader and Teresa Thomas has taken over this role. We are delighted that Sharon is staying with us and will still be supporting Friday Beavers and Friday Scouts. Stuart has relocated and Nicky Batson has taken over the running of the Friday troop supported by Jodie, Adam and Jess.

In recognition of their efforts Skye Elwin our ASU Manager has been awarded her Bar to Award of Merit, Skye has been a very active Scouter with us for many years and the ASU are an integral part of support for our Group Leaders and Youth members alike. In addition, County Commissioner Commendations were received by Lucy, Harry, Wendy, Denise, Tamara & Charlotte and also notably one of our Young Leaders Isaac. We are fortunate that we have many Explorers who stay with us at our group to support the younger members.

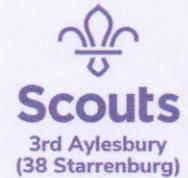
We have reluctantly had to close the Beaver Colony at the School at Fairford Leys as we have been unable to recruit a leader despite all our efforts. It is still unclear if the Cubs will be able to return there in the future. We have slowly been returning to face-to-face Scouting by most of the sections and this has been enjoyed enormously by the Youngsters and Leaders alike. As the restrictions are lifted further, we hope to plan more face-to-face events.

In order to make these events happen and create the exciting opportunities for your young people, our team of volunteers require more people to join us. We require a Treasurer, Executive members, help with building maintenance, social media and website etc. If you are able to help the group with this or anything else, then please let myself or your Section Leader know. A small effort of your part could make a big difference to our Leadership team, and we look forward to hearing from you with ways you can help, and no experience is necessary as training and support will be provided.

Tracey Pickavance – Group Scout Leader

T. Pickavance

Trustees Annual Report 2020 - 2021



Firstly, I need to thank everyone for their own individual roles they have played over the last year. Obviously, it goes without saying that we cannot get away with mentioning the dreaded Covid-19. What a year it has been with numerous lockdowns, isolations and general disruption to everybody's life.

Currently we are on the verge of unlocking and possibly fingers crossed moving back to something slightly more normal, however we need to be patient and bide our time on this.

I need to say a massive Thank You to various people and this seems the best place to do it.

Firstly, thank You so, so much to all of the parents and young people for their support, without the parents continued support and it goes without saying financial support through the payment of subs the group would not be in the position that we currently find ourselves. Also, to the young people for their continued support turning up to Zoom sessions and then finally to face to face meetings and supporting us by socially distancing and following all of the guidance that we find ourselves working with

This leads me onto the Leaders, Young leaders and adult helpers that have supported the sections and worked so hard to keep on Zoom and to get all of the various risk assessments done to get back to in person Scouting. Without your time and effort that you continually put in the group would not be here you are the backbone of the group.

I also need to say a massive thank you to all of the other members of the exec who without your support I guarantee the group would not be the success that it is. All of you play such an important part in the running of the group, from agreeing to plans through to helping plan for activities and considering how we spend the groups funds. Again, it has not been easy having not been able to meet in person for nearly 18 months now but thank you for your Zoom support.

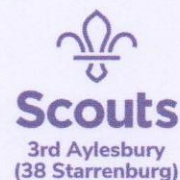
An extra special thanks goes to Murray for all of your support. The time and support you have given me since I took on the role of Chairman has been fantastic and I could not of done it without your support. Also to Tracey for your support and help over the last 2 years. Also, to Carolyn for your continued support as secretary without you where would we be with no minutes or agenda for us so thank you. Also to Skye, thank you for stepping in to look after the accounts as our stand in treasurer. And finally thank you to Greg, Andy and all of the other exec members for the help and support you give.

I am also going to use the opportunity to reach out to all of the parents to say we really need your support. Although we have a reasonable number of active participants on the exec we need more, you will see we need to find a treasurer and we also need more non scouting members to keep the balance of views and opinions. Alongside this we are always looking to recruit new leaders and adult helpers for all of our sections. Your support is just as vital in this area as it is financially in the payment of subs. It does not have to be big time commitment at all, and we are happy to discuss all options and requirements with anyone who is interested so please consider it and get in touch.

Finally, I want to say thank you for the time you have given us tonight and we can look forward to seeing more of you hopefully in person in the near future.

Simon Buckland – Executive Chair

Responsibilities of the Trustees



Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. Following advice from Bucks Scout County to GSL's in 2019 the Group Executive Committee considered that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £6,000. As we are now in an easing period of the COVID-19 pandemic the trustees will need to consider, in the light of the problems encountered since March 2020, whether that level is sufficient for our needs or whether we might need to increase our reserves to weather any similar and future occurrences.

The Group held a balance of approximately £8,000 in general funds against this at the beginning of March 2020. This was above the level required for operating expenses but is below our normal end of year balance as reported in our 2019-20 report.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group as at the balance sheet date, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees should:

- Follow best practice and select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Scout Council will continue on that basis.

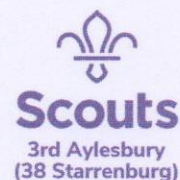
The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time the financial position of the Group to enable them to ensure that the financial statements meet the requirements of the Charity Commission. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies with the Scout Association subsidiary Unity to ensure that insurable risks are covered

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment – The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss. Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the annual subscription fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Responsibilities of the Trustees



Reduced income from fund raising – The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions, Gift Aid from subscriptions and other allowable fundraising activities as well as general fundraising. These sources of income have not only allowed us to maintain our resources but to increase and enhance them with additions to the activities and equipment that the Group owns. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders – The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the Group.

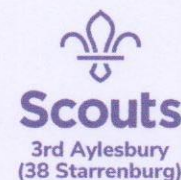
Reduction or loss of members – The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 14. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the Group.

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. On an historical basis the Group has a small amount in the Scout Association Short Term Investment Fund. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds.

All funds are therefore held in cash accounts using only a mainstream bank other than £250.00 which is held in the Scout Association Short Term Investment account.

Key Points to note about the Accounts 2020 - 2021



Income

Our principal source of income comes from the subscriptions of our Beaver colonies, Cub Packs and Scouts, although this reduced as the year progressed due to Covid-19 restrictions causing our numbers to decrease. **Income this year was £13690.00** compared to £17134.00 in year 2019/20, a reduction of approx 20%.

We received **£19,003.00** from **Bucks County Council Local Restrictions Grant** as part of Covid-19 support to cover losses related to reduced income from subscriptions and hiring of the hall

We received **£6002.16** in **Gift Aid** covering years 2018/19 and 2019/20

Expenditure

Our most significant expenditure item was the annual **District Capitation subscription for 2020-21 amounting to £6,195.00**

Total **insurance** costs for the year totalled **£3172.01 (incl Van insurance)**

The HQ fire extinguishers, emergency lighting and fire alarm systems within our Headquarters building continue to be serviced and inspected by Chubb Fire & Security Ltd for **£604.44** per annum.

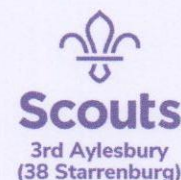
Routine **utility costs** [Electricity, Gas, Water, Telephone and Broadband] came to **£1921.84**

Usually, the largest area of discretionary expenditure is the various **activities** run by our Group, with approximately 50% of the cost funded by participants contributions, however, due to Covid the spend has been greatly reduced to only **£522.45** this year

We will be continuing to review the categories of expenditure in the accounts again during 2021/22 with a view to simplifying the accounts preparation further.

Note: The Groups finances are in a very healthy position due, in the main, to the local Government Covid-19 grants which the Group has been very fortunate to have benefitted from. We would also like to thank all the parents/carers of our young people who have continued to support the group financially during this difficult period.

Key Points to note about the Accounts 2020 - 2021



Governance and Reserves

TSA continues to push ahead with good governance for all exec committees and we need to commit fully to this ourselves as a registered charity to improve our financial reporting and recording to ensure we maintain our accounts correctly.

Reserves

It was stressed at a recent conference (before the Covid-19 lockdown) that we should be looking at retaining a financial reserve of 6 months base operating costs assuming no income which would equate to around £6000.00 including current levels of expenditure on all Building Utilities, Insurance, Music Licence, etc.

The Covid-19 pandemic has shown that an unexpected occurrence can drastically affect our situation for many months ahead. We have paid our annual subscription to HQ/County/District for the members we have at the end of January 2021. This was in the region of £6000 this year. As the current lockdown situations are easing the Executive committee will review the situation to look at whether a 6 month's operating reserve is sufficient in the light of the recent pandemic.

As a not-for-profit organisation we should only ear mark financial resources for specific purposes and so we had some ring-fenced areas of agreed expenditure such as a defibrillator £1500.00, and a new cooker £1200.00. These purchases have now been completed within the financial year 2020-21.

There has been Covid-19 Government grants available through the local authority – now The Buckinghamshire Council – for those involved in the small business, retail, hospitality and leisure sectors who are eligible for paying business rates. These have been applied for on-line and all have now been paid to cover lost income from Subs, HQ hire, etc. as mentioned elsewhere.

Subscriptions and Gift Aid

Subscriptions are normally paid by standing order straight into our account. A number of members have, understandably, had to cancel their standing order and subsequently income from this has dropped. As we return to face-to-face Scouting, we will be reminding parents of the need to reinstate their subscription payments. There are a few occasions where families suffer some hardship, the GSL knows when this may occur and takes appropriate action to ensure young people in genuine need would not miss out on Scouting.

Gift Aid contributes a further 25p for every pound donated by a parent paying income tax as subscriptions. The gift aid claims for 2018-19 and 2019-20 have been submitted and paid. These payments have helped bring our overall position back to a more normal situation. Gift aid declarations are a voluntary contribution by parents, not all parents are participating and those that are not are being asked to consider completing the declaration.

Receipts and Payments Accounts Summary for year end 31st March 2021

3rd Aylesbury Scout Group		
Receipts for the year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021		
<i>Currency GBP</i>		
	2019-20	2020-21
Membership subscriptions		
All sections	£17,134.00	£13,690.00
Investment Income Received		
Scout Assoc'n Short Term Investment Service		
Bank/Building Society Gross Interest		
Donations/Grants/Refunds		
Hall Use [others]	£850.00	£155.00
Donations	£1,186.30	£50.00
Bank Deposits	£442.76	£27,229.61
Activities	£6,185.44	£235.00
Fund Raising	£119.95	£-
Other Income		
New Scarf/Badges/Uniforms Sales	£131.20	£-
Training	£-	£-
Gift Aid Rebate	£-	£-
	£26,049.65	£41,359.61
Payments for the year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021		
<i>Currency GBP</i>		
	2019-20	2020-21
Membership Subscriptions		
Capitation charges	£7,288.50	£6,195.00
Subscription Refund (overpaid after leaving)	£120.00	£120.00
Premises/Utilities		
Water	£5.41	£64.92
Electricity	£552.00	£478.00
Gas	£1,578.90	£945.39
Telephone	£435.47	£433.53
Maintenance	£2,268.21	£4,486.72
Chubb F&S	£579.06	£604.44
Insurance [Premises, Equipment & Motor]	£2,500.54	£2,569.61
Van	£1,375.93	£917.40
Hall Hire - St Mary's School Hall	£1,859.00	£304.00
Waste Collection		£153.65
Activities	£12,065.62	£663.45
Fund Raising Expenses	£225.00	£-
Other Expenses		
Purchase Badges, Scarves Etc.	£1,722.27	£540.15
Equipment and Repairs	£4,008.13	£-
Administration	£810.38	£558.82
Unpaid Cheques	£-	£-
Total Payments for the Year	£37,394.42	£19,035.08
Receipts & Payments Accounts Summary for the year ended 31 March 2021		
	2019-20	2020-21
Total Receipts for the Year	£26,049.65	£41,359.61
Total Payments for the Year	£37,394.42	£19,035.08
Net Receipts [Payments] for the Year	-£11,344.77	£22,324.53
Cash, Bank & Similar B/F from Previous Year	£19,314.07	£7,969.30
Cash, Bank & Similar C/F to Next Year	£7,969.30	£30,293.83
Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2020		
Monetary Assets		
Current A/C	£1,366.56	£23,791.61
Instant Access A/C	£5,043.70	£5,045.01
Activities A/C	£1,559.04	£1,457.21
TSA Short Term Investment A/C	£250.21	£250.21
Cash, Bank and Similar at 31 March	£8,219.51	£30,544.04
Non-Monetary Assets		
Land & Buildings	£250,000.00	£250,000.00
Scout Equipment, Furniture, etc	£25,000.00	£25,000.00
Monetary Liabilities	£-	£-
Net Monetary Assets	£8,219.51	£30,544.04

Payments for the year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

3rd Aylesbury Scout Group		
Payments		
For the year ending	31-Mar-21	
Subscription	Total	YTD
Beaver (refund)	120	
Cub	-	
Scout	6,195.00	
		6,315.00
Camping		
Beaver	195	
Cub	250	
Scout	-	
		445
Uniform/Badges		
Beaver	380.46	
Cub	159.69	
Scout	-	
		540.15
Fundraising		
Beaver	-	
Cub	-	
Scout	-	
		-
Activites		
Beaver	209.59	
Cub	225.16	
Scout	87.7	
		522.45
Equipment		
Beaver	-	
Cub	-	
Scout	-	
		-
Establishment		
BT	433.53	
Electric	478	
Gas	945.39	
Water	64.92	
HQ maintenance	4,486.72	
Chubb Fire & Security	604.44	
Van	917.4	
Insurance	2,569.61	
		10,500.01
Donations	153.65	
Administration	558.82	
		712.47
		19,035.08

Receipts for the year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

3rd Aylesbury Scout Group			
Receipts			
For the year ending	31-Mar-21		
Membership subscriptions			
Beaver		13,690.00	
Cubs		-	
Scouts		-	
			13,690.00
Camping			
Beaver		15	
Cubs		220	
Scouts		-	
			235
Uniforms			
Beaver		-	
Cubs		-	
Scouts		-	
			-
Fundraising			
Beaver		-	
Cubs		-	
Scouts		-	
			-
Activities			
Beaver		-	
Cubs		-	
Scouts		-	
			-
Hall hire			
Brownies		110	
Rainbows		45	
Dancers		-	
			155
Donations/Grant/Refunds			
Refund E-on			
Donations		50	
Bank deposits		27,229.61	
			27,279.61
Total receipts for the year			41,359.61

Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 3rd Aylesbury (38 Starrenburg) Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 3rd Aylesbury (38 Starrenburg) for the year ended 31st March 2021

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 3rd Aylesbury (38 Starrenburg) 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 3rd Aylesbury (38 Starrenburg) accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 3rd Aylesbury (38 Starrenburg) as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Name:

DAVID MARSHALL

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

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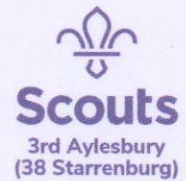
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Date:

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Group Section Reports

2020 - 2021



Throughout 2020 – 21 our Colony, Packs and Troops,, supported by our Active Support Unit have been working closely together to provide fantastic opportunities for all our young people, mainly through Zoom sessions during the lockdown period – below is a snapshot of some of their activities:

Harrier Beaver Colony

The beavers have been very busy this year, even with the restrictions. We have covered animal friend with the help of the blue cross, first aid with the help of our stuffed toys, fire safety, knots, we went to the farm on a virtual tour. Went round the world learning about other scout groups. Had a Halloween party which was a blast via zoom. Plus much more.

After a long time apart, we were finally able to meet face 2 face. I am so proud of all the beavers on how they have adapted throughout during our zoom meetings and when we come back together.

I would also like to thank all the parents and guardians for their help and support at home and face 2 face without you, we wouldn't of been able to get through this difficult year.

Hurricane Cub Pack

The beginning of the Scouting year for 2020/21 saw a busy programme and then, of course, Covid 19 happened, and we had to move to online meetings via Zoom.

Before the lockdown took place, the pack were participating in lots of interesting and challenging activities during normal weekly pack nights and also a few weekends. Some examples of the badges achieved in the past year by the Cubs are Knotting, Problem solving and teamwork. When lockdown began, we were unsure how to deliver the programme but thankfully we were able to move over to Zoom who provided the Scout Association access to their application across all Groups in the UK. This meant a big change in the type of program we could offer but we were able to provide quizzes, Paper plane making, Bingo, made little twig rafts etc, although it was challenging to adopt to this new way of Scouting, and I would like to thank all the Cubs, Parents and Leaders for bearing with us as we all tried to get to grips with Scouting online.

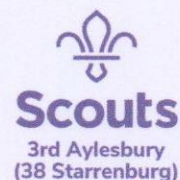
We also have had some guests joining us such as Rivers Rodents and Reptiles, Skittle man who is a child's Entertainer, Conrad Burdekin who did story telling with the Cubs, martial arts and a Police forensics expert, as well as learning all about alpacas.

Some Cubs have completed badges at home with many badges working towards their Chief Scout Silver award and we would love to say a fantastic well done to the all the Cubs who have successfully achieved this award during the year.

Weekend activities we have joined in with over the year included St Georges day to renew their cub scout promise, 75th VE day where they had to decorate their homes with bunting, Embers which was a World Campfire, to name a few, and of course, there was the Online pantomime at Christmas.

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For Nights Away we joined in with the county Buckaroo desert Island camp where the cubs joined over 1000 other Cubs over zoom and had to do activities to get off the island, and Build a den to sleep in. Some joined in with the Great indoor weekend that the Scout Association provided as well.

We were excited when we were able to return to scouting face to face. We have had a games evening, a litter picking evening and also a treasure hunt. We are looking ahead to the rest of this year and planning for activities after the summer.

Lastly, none of this happens without the support of all our wonderful leader team, so a big thank you to Harry, Denise and Wendy for all your help this year and Young leader Isaac. We are also looking forward to welcoming some new young leaders to join our team. But most of all we would like to say thank you to the parents for encouraging and supporting your children during these challenging times.

There is still a huge effort required to meet face to face so that we adhere to the Scouting and Government's guidelines, so please do continue to support us as we try to keep your children and the leaders safe in these challenging times. Thank you.

Spitfire Cub Pack

Spitfire Cubs have not yet been able to meet face to face but we have all been enjoying our regular zoom sessions. Some of our favourite activities have included scavenger hunts around the house, 21 and of course not forgetting the cub's absolute favourite game of Bingo!! We have also been very fortunate to have special guests attend some of our zoom sessions and the Cubs were fascinated at our 'Bat' session and all had lots of very interesting questions. During our zoom sessions we have also completed lots of different activities including creating our own 'code' and then using it to write secret messages to each other. We are looking forward to seeing the cubs face to face and we know that the cubs share our excitement.

Valiant Scout Troop

Friday Scouts have had a testing year but have come through it really well. Sadly we had some young people leave during lockdown but we have also had others join us from Cubs and outside the area. During zoom meetings we had fun as well as continually completing sections of the challenge badges.

When lockdown restrictions eased slightly, we began meeting face to face outside and concentrated on getting the group to work well together again, during this time the Scouts have completed individual Activity Badges, as diverse as Librarian, Sports Enthusiast, Scientist, Cyclist and Musician. We finished our term with a shooting evening courtesy of Wendover Air Rifle club which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Our 4 oldest Scouts are currently planning their expedition hike to go towards completing their Chief Scouts Gold Award and have worked very hard outside of normal Scout meetings to compete this during these challenging times.

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As ever we are very proud of all that our young people achieve, and we look forward to a more 'normal' scouting year from September

Vulcan Scout Troop

The Vulcan section has been meeting on zoom until recently, with actives ranging from guest speakers talking about their evacuation from Europe during the Nazi invasion at the beginning of WW2, and a talk from a guest at the met office.

The scouts also went round the world in their kitchens making food from different countries and cultures.

We have been meeting in person for that last half term, with actives including making wood fired pizza and making water filters.

We hope to be back for more face to face in September.

Stirling Active Support Unit

As we approach the end of another scouting year, I and the rest of the ASU team would like to first congratulate and say well done to all the leaders of 3rd Aylesbury Scout Group on their dedication, and continued enthusiasm giving our young people their scouting opportunities either via Zoom or outside using local community facilities.

Over the past year the ASU have worked hard in preparing the Scout Hut as "COVID secure" in readiness for our sections return. Jobs included cleaning using steam cleaners, disinfection foggers and up ladders sucking up the many cobwebs that had hung around for years along the roof beams as well as installing PPE and hand sanitisers. The group also purchased a new cooker in the kitchen which has been installed and waiting for the good old eggy bread to be cooked on it.

During lockdown we had some uninvited guests visit the upstairs loft [squirrels], which have been dealt with, although they did eat all the electric cabling. Additionally, the outside area has been partly cleared of the weeds and grass that had grown around the building.

We also held our annual afternoon tea, in my back garden, scones with clotted cream an ASU's favourite.

We welcome Jayne as a new member of the ASU and look forward to seeing her on our return to our working days.

On a very sad note, we lost a dear scouting friend and founding member of the ASU in Myra Dobbie. Myra will be missed for her enthusiasm, fun and support of everything scouting, as well as a wonderful friend. Myra was a great teacher and a motivator to many, who would have the kettle on and biscuits at the ready on our maintenance days and always quick to be there as support on many a camp. We will miss her dearly.