

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

1st Welwyn Garden City St Francis Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

50 Marsden Green

Welwyn Garden City

Hertfordshire

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Sandra Mitchell	Group Secretary	
2	Melanie Valentine	Group Treasurer	
3	Peter Jasko	Group Chairman	
4	Amy Routledge	Group Scout Leader	Resigned 31/1/20
5	Andrew Ward	Group Scout Leader	Elected 4/5/20
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

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(e.g. trust deed, constitution)	The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.
How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	The Group is a trust established under it's rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)	
You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:	The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.
Policies and procedures adopted for:	The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every # months.
a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trust	Members of the Executive Committee complete ' <i>Essential Information for Executive Committee</i> ' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee. This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for: The maintenance of Group property; The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance; The insurance of persons, property and equipment; Group public occasions; Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; Appointing any sub committees that may be required; Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1) 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 would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from

neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. 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 capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations 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 and fundraising. 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 18. 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.

Covid19 - Covid19 has had a significant impact on our ability to deliver scouting sessions. During several lockdown periods, sessions ran at circa 50% capacity on Zoom and with much reduced attendance. For a term, subscriptions were reduced, lowering our income. Outside of the complete lockdowns, additional risk assessments and policies and procedures had to be adopted to run sessions in a Covid secure fashion.

Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 2)

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include at least 2 approvals for larger payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to attract, engage and support young people to

	<p>Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values: Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others. Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p>The Scout Method Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects</p>	<p>We provide meetings for 3 age groups. The activities are structured to encompass the purpose and values of Scouting.</p>
<p>Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)</p>	
<p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy on grantmaking; • contribution made by volunteers; • policy on investments. 	
<p>Public benefit statement</p>	<p>The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.</p>
<p>Section D Achievements and performance</p>	
<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year</p>	<p>Each year the Group supports our local Church Christmas Tree Festival. The Scouts help to run the stalls and other fundraising activities. Unfortunately this was not able to run in 2020 due to Covid19 restrictions. The Group have taken part in a District Camp, taking a leading role in the organisation of this event. Our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been working towards their Chief Scout Awards. As they work towards these awards they have been involved in the local community e.g litter picking and recycling.</p>

Section E	Financial Review
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	<p>Reserves Policy</p> <p>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 Executive Committee holds a meeting to discuss this each year and will hold a figure depending on numbers to cover the expenses for the first part of the year.</p>
Quantify and explain any designations	
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	
Further financial review details (optional information)	<p>Investment Policy (Specimen 1)</p> <p>The Group's main source of funding is from the subscription fees which are collected for each child on a termly basis. We also collect a fee per participating child towards the cost of any outside camping activities we provide.</p> <p>The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.</p> <p>Investment Policy (Specimen 2)</p> <p>The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.</p>
<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; investment policy and objectives; 	
Section F	Other Optional Information
Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)	

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Section G	Declaration
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<table border="1"><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></table>						
Full name(s)	<table border="1"><tr><td>Sandra Ruth Mitchell</td><td></td></tr></table>	Sandra Ruth Mitchell					
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	<table border="1"><tr><td>Group Secretary</td><td></td></tr></table>	Group Secretary					
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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2020

OPENING BALANCE

As at the 31 December 2019	Main	38216.5
Account number 2		741.53
Account number 3		12892

51850.03

SUBS Paid direct into our bank acc	1129.5
Subs paid on OSM	13308.78
Less Chagres relating to banking OSM	
Denmark Deposits	610
Investing	7
Event	31
Badge Shop	574
Welwyn Hatfield Grant	10000
Interest received in No 2 account	6.06

25666.34

Qtr Master Expenses	69.95
Scouts	5.3
Cubs	70.45
Beavers	76.83
Membership	7822.5
Badges and Scarves	549.22
Charges	0.01
Green Beret	1064
Event	0

9658.26

TOTAL **67858.11**

Main	44218.52
Account number 2	741.53
Account number 3	22898.06
	67858.11

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Welwyn Garden City St Francis Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Welwyn Garden City St Francis Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Welwyn Garden City St Francis Scout Group 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 1st Welwyn Garden City St Francis Scout Group 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:

accounting records were not kept in respect of the 1st Welwyn Garden City St Francis Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or 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:

M Busby

Name:

M Busby

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

Address: *312 KNIGHTSFIELD, WGC, HERTS AL8 7NQ*

Date:

31-01-2022