



Charity No 1090603

Group No 5804

**1st Sheldon
(144th Birmingham)
Scout Group
Trustees'
Annual Report
&
Accounts
For the Period
From 1 January 2021
To 31 December 2021**

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Reference and administration details

Charity name	1 ST SHELDON (144 TH BIRMINGHAM) SCOUT GROUP		
Other names charity is known by	1 ST SHELDON SCOUT GROUP 144 TH BIRMINGHAM SCOUT GROUP 144 TH BIRMINGHAM (1 ST SHELDON) SCOUT GROUP		
Registered charity number	1090603		
Group Registration number	5804		
Charity's principal address	Scout Headquarters, Ragley Drive, Sheldon, Birmingham, Postcode B26 3TU		

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Kathryn Broadbent	Assistant Scout Leader	
2	Stephanie Broadbent	Group Scout Leader (GSL)	
3	David Fitzgerald	Assistant Group Scout Leader	
4	Roger Hancock	Group President	
5	Beth Lycett	Cub Scout Leader Assistant Group Scout Leader	
6	Thomas Meads	Assistant Scout Leader	
7	Hugh Townley	Group Treasurer	
8	Lesley Townley	Group Secretary	
9	Matthew Townley	Scout Leader Assistant Group Scout Leader Group Scout Active Support Unit Manager	
10	Geoffrey Wathen	Group Chairman	

Custodian Trustees

The Scout Association Trust Corporation

Names of the Charity's Advisors

Role	Advisor	Dates acted if not for whole year
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC	
Solicitors	PearceLegal Ltd	
Scrutineer	Mr Brian Newman	From 10/03/2021

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Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter dated 4th January 1912 and supplemental charters dated 28th March 1949, 18th February 1959, 5th May 1967 and 19 July 1991, which in turn give authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues

Additional information about:

- The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.

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.

The Committee consists of: three independent representatives - Chair, Treasurer and Secretary; Group Scout Leaders; individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility), elected nominated and co-opted members. It meets every two months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information', 'Trustee Introduction', 'General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)', 'Safety' and 'Safeguarding' 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 their appointment 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; The management and implementation of the Safety policy locally. Appointing any sub committees that may be required; Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control

- Trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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 national

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membership 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 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 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.

The Group has in place systems of internal financial control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include a requirement for two signatories for all cheque payments.

Objectives

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

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 cooperate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- 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.

Additional details of objectives

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Contribution made by volunteers

The team at the 1st Sheldon have once again provided quality Scouting during a year that has been difficult for everyone.

We have run our section meetings online, socially distanced, with masks, hand sanitizer and anything else that has allowed us to continue engaging the young people in our group.

It hasn't been easy, but our dedicated leaders have made time to find exciting and new ways to play the game of Scouting.

Our numbers dropped a little but as the year progressed and we were able to meet face to face once more we have seen more young people coming through the doors again, and our adult team flourish, welcoming Claire, Bella, and Kimber, as well as seeing the return of Becky to cubs.

Whilst this time has been tough for everyone, it has taught us that our contribution is still relevant, that our young people need those social outlets and sense of adventure and independence provided by scouting. It has also taught us how valuable a Scouting Family is and that our family is strong!

A huge Thank You to all of the groups volunteer team for laughing, loving, and caring for each other and our young people.

You are magnificent!

Public benefit statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

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.

Activities, Achievements and performance

Summary of the main activities and achievements of the charity during the year



Wednesday Beaver Scout Colony

Wednesday Beavers is led by Amanda Green (Ahmeek) and assisted by Kimber Ford (Tic Tac), Claire Harrison (Rusty) and Callie Lewis (Ringtail).

The year got off to a slow start as they were unable to meet face to face until September, due to the pandemic. And, when Wednesday Beavers returned to the hut, we welcomed a colony of 10 brand new Beavers, and a new Assistant Beaver Leader, welcome Tic Tac.

Wednesday Beavers currently has 11 Beaver Scouts and, throughout the year, many Beavers moved onto Wednesday Cubs, one of whom earned their Chief Scout Bronze Award. Over the Autumn Term the Beavers worked on as many badges that they could, including Teamwork Challenge, My Skills Challenge, My World Challenge, Creative Activity, Disability Awareness Activity and International Activity Badges. The Beavers also worked on and earned two really fun blanket badges, one centred around biscuits (yummy!), and the other celebrating Christmas.

Over the term the Beavers have crammed in a lot of activities into a short

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space of time, including, learning how to light a candle and make a cup of tea, the Beavers then put this particular skill to good use by dunking biscuits into different teas to see which they preferred. The Colony also 'blind tasted' lots of different biscuits and every single member of the Colony knew which biscuit was the Oreo! The Beavers have also been taking part in lots of Team Games to help them get to know their new friends as Beavers, as well as learn valuable skills that will help them during their Scouting journey.

For Halloween the Beavers wore fancy dress and played lots of fun part games, like charades, glow stick ring toss and musical statues. They also made some 'toilet roll mummies' which was a lot of fun!

To finish the year off they celebrated Christmas. They did this by learning about different Christmas traditions across the globe, did you know that in Japan they eat fried Chicken on Christmas Day? The Beavers learnt this and were lucky enough to have a taste of some KFC to see what that would be like! The final meeting of the year they played party games and saw the year off in style, when all 11 new Beavers and Tic Tac, our new leader were invested.

The Beavers have done really well this year, adapting to Beavers after what has been a difficult year. The Wednesday Beaver Leadership team would like to say a huge well done to all of the Beavers in the Colony and Ahmeek would like to say a special thank you to Tic Tac, Ringtail and Rusty for all of their help and support over the last 18 months.

Thursday Beaver Scout Colony

Thursday Beaver colony has been re-established since 4th November as all of the original Beavers had either left during lockdown or they have moved on to cubs. The leader team have retired from being leaders but remain active within the Group.

The new leader team consists of Claire McCormack (Sunshine) and Stephanie Broadbent (Rusty). Since reopening the Beaver numbers have gradually grown. There are 7 Beavers on the books as at the end of the year. All 7 were invested within 6 weeks of starting. Badges completed included the new build badge, scientist badge, emergency aid level 1, air activities level 1. The Beavers really enjoyed the s'mores and fire lighting evening. In December the Beavers decorated snowmen and decorated a board in the hut for the Christmas decorating competition. The year was finished off with a Christmas party before they broke up.

All of the Beavers have settled in amazingly well and lots of new friendships have been formed.

Wednesday Cub Scout Pack

The Wednesday Cub Pack is led by Beth Lycett and assisted by Rebecca Persaud, Rebecca Gilbert and James King.

They also had support during the year from Steph Broadbent, Thomas Meads and Rhys Hogshaw who have now decided to spread their wings to pastures new. Thank you very much for your assistance over the year and making what



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Thursdays

SCOUTS

was another difficult year fun. Beth couldn't have done it without you and you will all be missed!

The slightly different, interesting experience unfortunately continued over the last 12 months from the previous year, meaning half the year continued in the form of online meetings, and we were only able to re-open just before the summer holidays. Some of the activities they have managed to undertake include kite making, science activity badge, entertainer and musician stage 1, they made their own edible campfires, bird feeders, lava lamps and cake icing.

A number of Cubs moved up to Scouts over the last year, and although we are sad to see them go, it is lovely to see them continue in their Scouting journey.

Thanks go to the Group, leaders, parents and Cubs for all their support during the last year.

Thursday Cub Scout Pack

The Thursday Cub Pack is led by Clare Devenny with assistance from Kate Broadbent and Ben in the early part of the year and Adam from June onwards both Young Leaders from the Enigma Explorer Unit.

Zoom Scouting continued for the early part of the year with tentative re-opening in June and a full return to face-to face Scouting from September.

Numbers fell slightly throughout the year with a number of Cubs moving up to Scouts and Beavers moving up to Cubs.

The return to face-to-face Scouting has been welcomed by us all and those who took part greatly enjoyed our first camp for two years with the Scouts and Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from 126th.

Everyone is looking forward to a better year ahead.

Scout Troop

The Troop, which meets on Fridays, is led by Mat Townley, assisted by Kate Broadbent, Thomas Meads and Bella King, who went from being our young leader to adult leader at the end of the year. Becky Townley (Née Lloyd) stepped down as a regular leader after lockdown, and is now assisting when needed, we would like to thank her for her service. Roland Twelftree also occasionally assists.

The Troop continued to run virtually, due to lockdown rules, for the first term of the year, returning to face-to-face just after Easter on 23rd April. During the first term of the year, they ran the Meteorologist badge and the More In Common badge. The Scouts also had the opportunity to earn the 'Cooking @Home' badge.

In Spring, the Troop had a cautious, outdoor, return to face-to-face meetings, with a paper boat race challenge, fire lighting, water games and board games. The badges earned during lockdown were also presented.

In winter, the Troop moved back inside the hut and to more normal programmes, such as Chip Tasting, a photo scavenger hunt, a money skills night and our annual Christmas decoration competition. The Troop also joined the 144th Cubs and 126th Beavers, Cubs & Scouts on a winter camp at

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Broadwater.

While at the camp, the Troop was awarded with Spitfire District's Troop of the Year award.

Members of the troop also took part in the hybrid online/face-to-face county BrumVenture weekend in October, which was a great success.

While we maintained numbers over lockdown, numbers are slightly down due to several Scouts moving on to Explorers.

Vanguard Fellowship Scout Active Support Unit

Once again Covid restrictions, and members' natural caution have meant a complete curtailment of all of the Fellowship's usual programme of social events. Group working at the HQ has been infrequent.

The Unit's manager is Mat Townley.

The Group

The Group had a programme of online activities for the first few months of the year until Spring when some of the sections were able to arrange outdoor face-to-face activities. After a lengthy return to online activity we were then able to begin face-to-face indoor activities from September onward. We restarted Thursday Beavers with a new leader, Claire McCormack. The Scouts and Thursday Cubs even managed a winter Camp at Broadwater joining with the 126th.

Again, our adults have put aside the difficulties that they have all faced over the last year to continue to provide companionship and support both to each other and to our young people.

They have all been glad to move from providing a programme of online activities, to a return to face-to-face Scouting. It is amazing how Scouting has continued throughout the year with a number of young people moving up to the next section and badges continuing.

Hopefully we can look forward to a return to normality but our experience over the last two years has proved to us how resilient and inventive we can be, skills that we can take forward to what is, hopefully, a brighter future.

This has truly been an example of 1st Sheldon at its best. It continues to be a pleasure and a privilege to work with such a dedicated group, in the best traditions of our Scouting family.

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Financial review



Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At the beginning of lockdown, as trustees, we took the decision that, since many parents would find themselves in worsening financial situations, we should not add to their concerns by seeking subscriptions until a return to face to face Scouting. We considered that the Group held sufficient reserves to “weather the storm” although none of us could have known just how long it would last. We recommenced subscriptions from October/November now collecting through Stripe or Go Cardless using Online Scout Manager

Non-Domestic Rates were markedly reduced from March and with no use of the HQ. electricity gas and water usage has been reduced thus reducing utility costs.

Our reserve position improved as Government continued to class us as a leisure business (since we are assessed for non-domestic rates) and we therefore received a number of unrestricted grants totalling £19,737 (with more to follow in 2022). We also received a £1,000 grant from Ecclesiastical – Movement for Good and a £1,000 donation from a member of the Group

The net result was an increase in unrestricted reserves which will mean that we will be able to afford to go ahead with building plans as soon as a lease is agreed.

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 Executive Committee considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 8 months running costs, circa £8,000.

At the year end the Group held reserves of approximately £37,000, i.e. more than would be required for operating expenses alone. This reflects a wish by the Trustees to build up two additional reserves.

The first is to meet the cost of lease renegotiation and assignment and to build an extension to the Group headquarters to accommodate increased storage. This would mean that all of the Groups equipment could be stored at the HQ. A building fund was set up to meet those costs. (£7,516.94 is restricted to this purpose)

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) have confirmed that it is their wish that a further lease on the land for a 15-year term should be agreed when the current lease ended on 8th May 2021. Although the lease has now expired negotiations on the new lease continue. We currently occupy the Scout Headquarters under a tenancy at will.

The PCC have also expressed a willingness to permit our planned extension. At this stage, however, the Group cannot spend any money on the extension until the lease is finalised.

Secondly the trustees consider it prudent to accumulate sufficient reserves to meet the potential costs of site clearance should our lease not be renewed. This “site clearance” reserve will not be ring-fenced and should it be needed to meet

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future operating costs or for equipment replacement then we will allow reserves to diminish.

Should the current level of reserves increase then we will consider investment in longer term deposits.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

Further financial review details

- Investment policy and objectives

Investment Policy

The Group currently does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Trustees have therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks.

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)

Geoffrey Richard Wathen

Stephanie Broadbent

Position (e.g. secretary, chair, etc)

Chair

Group Scout Leader

Date

28/03/2022



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Section A Receipts and payments account for the year

	Unrestricted Funds	Building Fund	Total This Year £	Total Last year £
Receipts				
Donations and similar income				
Membership Subscriptions	£2,609.25			
Donations & Grants	£21,737.07			
Gift Aid	£1,838.13			
Sub Total		£26,184.45		£13,804.53
Fundraising	£93.38			
Sub Total		£93.38	£0.00	£46.52
Investment Income				
Bank Interest	£3.00			
Sub Total		£2.14	£0.86	£17.23
Scouting Activities				
Beaver Scout Activities	£0.00			
Cub Scout Activities	£0.00			
Scout Activities	£315.00			
Scout Active Support Activities	£0.00			
Group Activities	£0.00			
Sub Total		£315.00	£0.00	£104.86
Group Charity Fundraising Activities	£0.00			
Sub Total		£0.00		£0.00
Other Receipts				
Other Receipts	£70.00			
Sub Total		£70.00		£11.40
Gross Income		£26,664.97	£0.86	£26,665.83
Asset and investment sales, etc.				
Loans Received				
Loans Received	£196.95			
Camp Bank	£0.00			
Sub Total		£196.95		£15.95
Loans Made Repaid				
Loans Made Repaid	£42.69			
Sub Total		£42.69	£0.00	£0.00
Sub total		£239.64	£0.00	£15.95
Total receipts		£26,904.61	£0.86	£26,905.47
				£14,000.49

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Receipts and payments account for the year (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds	Building Fund	This Year £	Last year £
Payments				
Fundraising Costs	£0.00			
Sub Total		£0.00		
Cost of Scouting Activities				
Ground Rent	£500.00			
Water & Sewerage	£355.57			
Electricity & Gas	£792.07			
Non Domestic Rates	£39.00			
Waste Disposal	£448.40			
Repairs & Renewals	£67.48			
Ground Maintenance	£0.00			
Premises Costs	£2,202.52			
National & County Subscriptions	£2,447.50			
Insurance	£1,066.35			
Legal Fees	£3,050.00			
Telephone & Internet	£433.62			
Information Technology	£345.16			
Postage	£0.00			
Stationery & Printing	£0.00			
AGM	£0.00			
Administrative Costs	£4,292.63			
Finance Costs	£41.60			
Beaver Scout Activities	£142.91			
Cub Scout Activities	£23.97			
Scout Activities	£386.02			
Scout Active Support Activities	£0.00			
Group Activities	£54.48			
Badges	£172.88			
Adult Support & Training	£33.50			
Sub Total		£7,350.51		
Group Charity Fundraising Activities	£0.00			
Sub Total		£0.00		
Other Costs				
Grants & Donations Made	£30.00			
Other Costs	£126.41			
Sub Total		£156.41		
Total Expenditure		£7,506.92	£10,556.92	£6,165.35
Asset and investment purchases, etc.				
Asset Purchases				
Premises	£4,669.61			
Equipment	£0.00			
Sub Total		£4,669.61		
Loans Made	£0.00			
Sub Total		£0.00		
Loan Repayments				
Suspense Loans repaid	£15.70			
Sub Total		£15.70		
Camp Bank	£0.00			
Sub Total		£0.00		
Sub total		£4,685.31	£0.00	£4,685.31
Total payments		£12,192.23	£15,242.23	£10,576.17
Net receipts/(payments)		£14,712.38	£11,663.24	£3,424.32
Transfers between Funds		£0.00	£0.00	
Cash funds last year end		£14,797.96	£25,325.04	£21,900.72
Cash funds this year end		£29,510.34	£36,988.28	£25,325.04



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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	This Year	Last year
Cash funds			
	Cash	£57.61	£57.12
	Current Account	£970.02	£760.27
	Deposit Account	£35,960.65	£24,507.65
	Total cash funds	£36,988.28	£25,325.04
Other monetary assets	None	£0.00	£0.00
Investment assets	None	£0.00	£0.00
Non-Monetary Assets	Debtors	£0.00	£42.69
Assets retained for the Group's own use			
	Building	£52,529.81	£47,860.20
	Equipment	£26,069.00	£24,655.00
Liabilities			
	Creditors	£196.95	£15.70
	Camp Bank Balances	£86.25	£86.25

BUILDING FUND

- a The building fund is a restricted fund established to meet the cost of the creation of a new lease, The Scout Association Trust Corporations fees and an extension to the building to add storage.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS

- a Lease on Site for Scout Headquarters - Ground Rent of £250p.a. for 15 years (until 08/05/2036) currently under negotiation. The Scout Association Trust Corporation will hold title to the Lease as custodian trustee only.

NON-MONETARY ASSETS

- i Debtors consist solely of sums advanced to Birmingham County less badges etc purchased against this advance.
ii Equipment is shown at insurance valuation (i.e. in most cases at replacement cost)
iii The headquarters building is shown at cost. It is currently assessed as having a replacement cost of £128,474

LIABILITIES

- i Creditors in 2021 consisted of sums due to individuals for purchases made in the year but reimbursed in 2022
ii Camp Bank Balances of £86.25 were made up of £85.50 cash and £0.75 credit from bag packing
They are the same as last year's balances

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

H.P. Townley
G R WATHEN

H P TOWNLEY
G R WATHEN

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Sheldon (144th Birmingham) Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Sheldon (144th Birmingham) Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Sheldon (144th Birmingham) 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 Sheldon (144th Birmingham) 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 1st Sheldon (144th Birmingham) Scout Group 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:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. K. Newman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Name:

Mr Brian K Newman

Address:

49 Clayton Drive, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, B36 0AN

Date:

28/03/2022