

1ST WESTON GREEN (ALL SAINTS) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1180590

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2018-11-07

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 POTENTIAL AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES.

Activities: The group provides scouting activities and sessions for children aged 6-18.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£32,028	£30,329	-	-
2024-03-31	£40,244	£28,531	-	-
2023-03-31	£26,671	£28,223	-	-
2022-03-31	£28,368	£20,977	-	-
2021-03-31	£14,580	£15,062	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Daniel Malcolm James Wood		2025-09-23
Felix Benjamin William Doerfler		2025-09-23
Kirstie Susan Wood		2023-07-19
Mariella Ruth O'Leary		2025-03-24
NIGEL BRIAN HARRIS		2018-06-25
Nicholas Robert Fisk		2022-11-30
Paul Anthony Collyer		2025-09-23
Samantha Jane Holmes		2023-07-19

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

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During the period to 31 March 2025, the trustees who managed the charity were:

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| • Nigel Harris | Chair |
| • Andrew Panayides | Treasurer |
| • Hannah Yeomanson | Secretary (resigned 22/07/2024) |
| • Nick Fisk | Group Scout Leader |
| • Emma Harris | Trustee |
| • Felix Jackson | Trustee (resigned 08/01/2025) |
| • John Coghlan | Trustee |
| • Kirstie Wood | Trustee |
| • Samantha Holmes | Trustee |
| • Mariella O'Leary | Trustee (appointed 24/03/2025) |

On the advice of the Scout Association, we have discontinued the role of Group Secretary. Hannah Yeomanson continues as secretary to the trustee board, but is no longer a trustee.

Other advisors:

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| • LK & Associates | Accountant |
| • Lisa Pullen | Independent examiner of the accounts |

Section B: Structure, Governance and Management

Governance and Management

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Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members: All active adult volunteers must undertake formal safety training within 30 days of appointment, and every three years thereafter. Volunteers are all issued with a "purple card" detailing emergency procedures. Risk assessments are undertaken before all activities. Safety processes are regularly monitored by the Trustee Board. The Group

contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy through capitation fees, and takes out additional insurance if needed. We provide additional accident and injury insurance for adult helpers who are not uniformed leaders.

Harm or inappropriate interpersonal interactions involving young people or adult members: All active adult volunteers must undertake formal safeguarding training within 30 days of appointment, and every three years thereafter. Adult volunteers are all issued with a "yellow card" that shows the Scout Association's safeguarding code of conduct for adults. Young leaders (volunteers who are not yet 18) are issued with an "orange card" that details the safeguarding code of conduct that applies to them. All members are actively encouraged at all times to report any safeguarding concerns. Safeguarding processes are regularly monitored by the Trustee Board.

Damage to or loss of vehicles or equipment: The Trustee Board ensures that the Group's vehicles and equipment are properly maintained, licensed, taxed and insured. Any changes in proposed use of vehicles and equipment are discussed and agreed by the Trustee Board. The Group maintains sufficient insurance to mitigate against the risk of loss or damage to our vehicles and equipment.

Reduced income from fundraising: The Group relies on income from fundraising to purchase and maintain vehicles and equipment, and to subsidise the cost of participation in scouting where needed. Subscriptions are charged each term, but these cover only the routine running of the group, such as rental of meeting and storage premises, purchase of badges, consumables for meetings, etc. For events and camps, we charge fees to cover the immediate costs. We aim to keep the subscription and event fees as low as possible, to ensure scouting is accessible to everyone.

Our main fundraising activity is an annual kerbside collection of Christmas trees for recycling. This activity relies on the cooperation of several other parties and involves substantial costs. There is a risk that we may not be able to profitably operate this fundraising method in future years, and would need to engage in alternative fundraising activities.

The group holds a reserve to ensure we would be able to continue our activities, or wind them down in an orderly manner, should there be a major reduction in income. We could also raise the level of subscription fees, should that become necessary, either as a temporary or permanent measure.

Reduction or loss of adult volunteers: The Group relies entirely on volunteers to run and administer the activities of the Group. Most importantly, we need a certain number of uniformed leaders to be able to continue to operate our four sections (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers) at full strength. Many of these volunteers are drawn from among the parents of the young people who join the group. The commitment required is substantial, and understandably, leaders often wish to move on or step down after a few years. If we were unable to maintain the necessary level of uniformed leaders, we might have to reduce the size of a section or close it altogether. In the worst case, we might have to close the entire Group. This is perhaps the greatest risk that the Group faces, and is one that requires constant attention from the Leaders and Trustees to ensure that we are always recruiting and developing new leaders.

Reduction or loss of members: At the end of the period, the Group had a waiting list of around 50 young people. Many of our young members originally joined as Beavers at age six and have worked their way up through the sections, but where space is available, we also have young people who join at older ages, either new to Scouting, or transferring from another Group. However, if there were to be a substantial reduction in the membership of a section, then we might have to reduce the size of a section or close it altogether. While our Beavers and Cubs sections are often fully subscribed, we

tend to lose some young people as they get older, because of other commitments. The Explorer Scout section (age 14-18) is operated jointly with other local scout groups.

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. All payments require the approval of both the Chair and the Treasurer. The Group has comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C: Objectives and Activities

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

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.

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

- take part in activities indoors and outdoors;
- undertake new and challenging activities;
- learn by doing;
- share in spiritual reflection;
- take responsibility and make choices;
- enjoy what they are doing and have fun.

All members of the Scout Group, whether young people or adult volunteers, make a Scout Promise in which they promise to do their best to help other people and to be trusted, loyal, friendly and considerate, to have courage in difficulty, to have self-respect and to respect others.

The Group arranges a programme of weekly meetings during school term times, with indoor or outdoor activities and challenges for young people of all ages between six and eighteen. The Group holds weekly meetings in term times for Beavers (aged 6 to 8), Cubs (8 to 10.5), Scouts (10.5 to 14) and Explorer Scouts (14 to 18).

The Group also organises weekend and holiday activities that include camps, hikes, and other outdoor adventure activities. The Group also participates in programmes of events that are organised at District, County, or National levels.

Young people in scouting can earn badges in recognition of skills learned, challenges met, and activities carried out. Our regular programmes and our camp activities are designed to meet the requirements for these badges. Young people who participate fully in the Group's activities will complete enough activities and challenges to be rewarded with the Chief Scout's Award, which they can wear on their uniform with justified pride.

To help young people in their personal development, if and when our leaders judge that they are ready for the challenge, they may be given a position of responsibility. For example, at age nine or ten, a young person may be promoted to the role of "Sixer" or "Second" within the Cubs section, with responsibility for a group of five or six Cubs. The Scout troop is organized in Patrols, and young people take responsibility as Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders. Later, as a teenager in the Explorer section, as well as taking responsibility for planning the activities of their own section, they may choose to join the Young Leaders programme and assist adult volunteers in the planning and running of programmes for a younger section.

Public Benefit Statement

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. Subscription fees are set at a level that covers only the immediate running costs of the Group and the capitation fees to the Scout Association, to ensure they remain as low as possible and do not unduly restrict membership. We admit members primarily from the local community in the immediate area around Weston Green.

As charity trustees, members of the Trustee Board pay due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance where relevant to our decision making.

Section D: Achievements and Performance

During the period from April 2024 to March 2025, the group continued to provide a full range of scouting activities, including overnight, weekend, and multi-day camps, for young people of all ages from six to seventeen.

Throughout the year, our adult volunteer team organized a really exciting and varied programme of meetings and events, ranging from traditional scouting skills to electronics building and starship simulators. The group continued to participate actively in the competitive events organized by Esher District scouts, and despite the group being relative newcomers to some of the activities, met with some good success. This year, the cubs section shone in both physical and mental disciplines, taking second place in the District quiz competition, and third in the annual District cross country running race.

The group's overall membership numbers remained steady, although still lower than in some prior years. The Beaver section continued to operate at or near its maximum capacity of 24, and we have a list of around 60 children waiting to join, most of them not yet six years old. The Cubs section, which could accommodate up to around 30, remained around 25 through the period, which is manageable by the adult volunteer team. It is the older sections that have seen the biggest drops in numbers, with Scouts down to 15 (from well over 20 a few years ago) and Explorer Scouts holding steady at 12 to 14 members. In the busy family lives of today's pre-teen and teenagers, Scouts is rarely a top priority, and we lose some members to their school studies, and others to sports clubs.

The Group's adult volunteers continued to be led by Nick Fisk, who also leads the Scout section. The group had some significant breaks in continuity a few years back when several long-time leaders stepped down. Since then, Nick's team has gained in experience, and some of the new volunteers who stepped up with perhaps some trepidation have developed into excellent, knowledgeable and experienced team members.

We continue to try to spread the workload by recruiting parents into administrative roles so the uniformed leaders don't have to do everything. We also have some members of the adult volunteer team who can't commit to attending every meeting, but with enough adult volunteers, we can accommodate this through a team approach to leading the sections.

Our main annual fundraising event, the collection of Christmas trees for recycling, was again successfully completed in January 2025, with 1,000 trees collected using three rented vans. After costs, which have increased quite a lot this year, we raised just under £7,000 for the group.

Section E: Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group, or at the very least, to conduct an orderly wind-down of the Group, should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to at least 12 months of essential running costs, including premises rental, insurance, vehicle and equipment costs, but excluding capitation fees and other items covered directly by membership fees. We have agreed to maintain cash reserves of £10,000.

The Group also aims to build up additional cash reserves over time, to enable the eventual replacement of our main vehicle, a minibus which is essential to the functioning of the group, or other significant capital cost items needed by the group. For example, we hope in the near future to improve our equipment storage arrangements by building some secure outdoor storage units, allowing a wider range of activities to be easily carried out at our main meeting venue.

The Group held cash reserves of £51,310 at 31st March 2025. This is a decrease of £1,651 from the previous year.

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash, using only mainstream banks or building societies.

The Trustee Board regularly monitors the level of bank balances and interest rates received to ensure the Group obtains maximum value from its banking arrangements. The Trustees would carefully consider the Group's cash flow requirements before entering into any arrangement that requires a period of notice before funds can be withdrawn. At present, all funds are held in accounts with instant access to funds.

Section F: Other Information and Future Plans

The Group is smaller than some other scout groups, which may have several Beaver colonies, Cub packs and Scout troops. We have only one of each section. Unlike many scout groups, we do not own, or have exclusive access to, our own premises. Our main weekly meetings are held in the Church Hall at All Saints Weston Green Church, which is a sponsor of the scout group. Our activities are in part constrained by the limited availability of this meeting place on weekday evenings.

Rather than actively seeking to expand, our priority is to operate the sections that we have, to offer our young members as rich and exciting a programme as possible. Our leaders are very active in planning and running events. Each year, we give young people in every section the opportunity to participate in camps and residential activities designed to provide the right level of challenge for

their age group. We also participate as fully as possible in events and activities that are arranged by the scouting District (Esher) or County (Surrey).

We have limited storage space at the Church Hall and have to store most of our equipment off site. This increases the workload for our adult volunteers and limits the activities that we can offer at our weekly meeting. We are now in the process of constructing three secure outdoor storage units in a previously unused space to the rear of the Church Hall. This will enable us to keep a variety of larger equipment on site for easy access, and should increase the range of activities that can be offered at our regular weekly meetings.

The Scout Association has recently introduced Squirrels, a section for four- and five-year-olds. As we have struggled to maintain a large enough team of adult volunteers to run the existing sections, we have no plans to start a Squirrels section.

Section G: Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

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Andrew James Panayides, Treasurer

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Nigel Brian Harris, Chair

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Charity Number: 1180590**Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025****Section A - Receipts and Payments**

	<u>NOTES</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Unrestricted</u> <u>funds</u> £	<u>2024</u> <u>Unrestricted</u> <u>funds</u> £
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Membership Subscriptions	2	8,661	8,300
Gift Aid Claims	3	1,572	6,052
Minibus Donation		-	400
Uniform Sales and Investitures		420	585
Camping and Outings		8,642	9,783
Sale of Minibus PK		-	2,098
Other Grants		-	41
Christmas Tree Collection		12,595	12,838
Easy Fundraising		138	147
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		32,028	40,244
<u>PAYMENTS</u>			
<u>DIRECT COSTS</u>			
Rent of Church and Garage	4	3,578	3,578
Camping and Outings Expenses		9,272	10,825
Capitation Fees		4,230	4,057
Christmas Tree Collection Expenses	7	3,949	3,793
Christmas Tree Monies Refunded		-	120
Badge and Uniform Purchases		765	1,307
Scout Equipment Purchases		1,541	1,369
Equipment Insurance		370	430
Mini Bus Running Expenses	6	2,195	261
Mini Bus Insurance		719	649
Donations Made	8	1,750	-
TOTAL DIRECT COST PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		28,369	26,389
<u>SUPPORT COSTS</u>			
Bank Fees		60	61
OSM Fees		227	219
Online Merchant Charges (GoCardless, Shopify, PayPal)		1,027	611
Miscellaneous	5	196	892
Website Costs		172	195
Catering for Leaders Meetings		42	86
Training		236	78
TOTAL SUPPORT COST PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		1,960	2,142
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		30,329	28,531
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR		1,699	11,713

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	<u>NOTES</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Unrestricted</u> <u>funds</u> £	<u>2024</u> <u>Unrestricted</u> <u>funds</u> £
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR		<u>1,699</u>	<u>11,713</u>
CASH FUNDS FROM LAST YEAR		<u>42,804</u>	<u>31,091</u>
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR		<u>44,503</u>	<u>42,804</u>
<u>OTHER CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</u>			
Depreciation Expense	1	1,850	2,584
Accountancy Fees	9	1,500	-
TOTAL CHANGE IN THE VALUE OF ASSETS		<u>3,350</u>	<u>2,584</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN CHARITABLE FUNDS		<u>(1,651)</u>	<u>9,129</u>
CHARITABLE FUNDS FROM LAST YEAR		<u>52,961</u>	<u>43,832</u>
CHARITABLE FUNDS THIS YEAR		<u>51,310</u>	<u>52,961</u>

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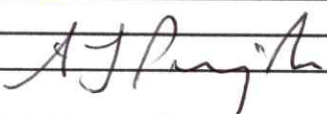
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Charity Number: 1180590**Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025****Section B - Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

	NOTES	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Unrestricted funds £
CASH FUNDS			
Bank Current Account		44,183	42,804
Cash in Hand		-	-
Gocardless		320	-
TOTAL CASH FUNDS		44,503	42,804
ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE			
Motor Vehicle WA	1	4,170	5,560
Scouting Equipment	1	4,137	4,597
TOTAL ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE		8,307	10,157
TOTAL ASSETS		52,810	52,961
LIABILITIES DUE IN LESS THAN 12 MONTHS			
Accrued Expenses	9	1,500	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,500	-
TOTAL NET ASSETS		51,310	52,961
CHARITABLE FUNDS			
Unrestricted Funds		51,310	52,961
TOTAL CHARITABLE FUNDS		51,310	52,961

The Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31 March 2025 were approved by the Trustees on ~~July 2025~~ and signed on their behalf by:

19/9/25

	Signature	Print name
Chair		NIGEL HARRIS
Treasurer		ANDREW PANAYIDES

The notes on page 4 form an integral part of the Charity's annual accounts.

Notes

1. Motor vehicle is depreciated at 25% reducing balance method and equipment is depreciated at 10% reducing balance method.
2. This year's membership subscriptions reflect a standard year of subscriptions.
3. Last year was the charity's first year claiming Gift aid. As a result, the prior year claim comprises an exceptional claim for the preceding 4 years.
4. Rent payable reflects church hall usage by all sections except for Explorers as they no longer use the church hall for meetings.
5. Within Miscellaneous, expenditure has been made for science experiments, food for cooking practice, prizes ,printer cartridges and thank you gifts for leaders.
6. A £604 service and MOT performed in October 2023 was only invoiced by the garage in June 2024 and is therefore included in this year's accounts.
7. Christmas Tree collection expense includes the cost of van hire, fuel for vans, Mailchimp, Onfleet, and the cost of a firm to dispose of the collected trees. Shopfiy and Paypal processing costs are accounted for as Online Merchant Fees this year.
8. An adjustment has been made to account for the cost of the disposal of Christmas trees incurred by 1st Weston (All Saints) Scout Group on behalf of The Princess Alice Hospice as donations made by the Scout Group to The Princess Alice Hospice. This is to show a more realistic amount for disposing of the regular disposal of Christmas Trees undertaken by the Scout Group as part of raising funds and awareness for the charity.
9. Accountancy fees have been accrued despite the accounts being on a receipts and payments basis in order to ensure the accounts present a true and fair view of the expenditure of the charity.



Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Weston Green Scout Group Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Weston Green Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Weston Green 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 Weston Green 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 Weston Green 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 'Lisa Pullin', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Name: Lisa Pullin

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

Address: 64 Beechen Lane, Lower Kingswood, Surrey. KT20 6RU

Date: 14/09/25

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- For the final weekly meeting of the summer term, all our sections met together out on the common for a scouts-themed sports day. Parents and family members were invited to come along and watch (or join in) and bring a picnic. Refreshments were provided, and a convivial evening was enjoyed by all. Best of all, we persuaded several new parents to join our adult volunteer team as uniformed leaders.
- In late July, the scouts and explorers set off for a week’s camp in Dorset, where they set up the tents in glorious sunshine and enjoyed a week of varied and adventurous activities.
- In the Autumn, selected members of the cubs section enjoyed a weekend camp for Sixers and Seconders. The scout section headed into the woods on a survival camp, learning how to prepare and cook whole fish, and building their own shelters for the night.

Throughout the year, our adult volunteer team organized a really exciting and varied programme of meetings and events, ranging from traditional scouting skills to electronics building and starship simulators. Notably, the group participated more actively in the competitive events organized by Esher District scouts than in previous years, and with some success. In March, 1st Weston Green became the district archery champions, thanks to the impressive accuracy of four of our scouts. And on a very dark wintry night, our scouts fielded one of very few teams that completed a challenging night hike route, arriving back tired and very muddy in the early hours of the morning.

The group’s membership numbers fell slightly from the previous year. This was partly due to a deliberate choice to keep the cub section at a slightly smaller headcount, until our adult volunteer team is strengthened in numbers and experience. We still have a waiting list of around 50 young people wishing to join Beavers when they turn six.

During the period, we recruited several new adult volunteers into the Beavers section, joining the group at the same time as their six-year-old children. One volunteer who led the Beavers team for a period has now joined the cubs leadership team, while another experienced Beavers leader has made the leap to the explorer section. Our scout leader, Nick Fisk, has now become the Group’s overall lead volunteer. Changes in the adult volunteer teams made in 2022-23 have worked well.

We continue to try to spread the workload by recruiting parents into administrative roles so the uniformed leaders don’t have to do everything. We also have some members of the adult volunteer team who can’t commit to attending every meeting, but with enough adult volunteers, we can accommodate this through a team approach to leading the sections.

Our main annual fundraising event, the collection of Christmas trees for recycling, was again successfully completed in January 2024, with 1,000 trees collected using just three rented vans. After costs, we raised nearly £9,000 for the group.

Section E: Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group, or at the very least, to conduct an orderly wind-down of the Group, should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to at least 12 months of essential running costs, including premises rental, insurance, vehicle and equipment costs, but excluding capitation fees and other items covered directly by membership fees. We have agreed to maintain cash reserves of £10,000.

The Group also aims to build up additional cash reserves over time, to enable the eventual replacement of our main vehicle, a minibus which is essential to the functioning of the group, or other significant capital cost items needed by the group. For example, we hope in the near future to improve our equipment storage arrangements by building some secure outdoor storage units, allowing a wider range of activities to be easily carried out at our main meeting venue.

The Group held cash reserves of £42,804 at 31st March 2023. This is an increase of £11,713 from the previous year.

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash, using only mainstream banks or building societies.

The Trustee Board regularly monitors the level of bank balances and interest rates received to ensure the Group obtains maximum value from its banking arrangements. The Trustees would carefully consider the Group's cash flow requirements before entering into any arrangement that requires a period of notice before funds can be withdrawn. At present, all funds are held in accounts with instant access to funds.

Section F: Other Information and Future Plans

The Group is smaller than some other scout groups, which may have several Beaver colonies, Cub packs and Scout troops. We have only one of each section. Unlike many scout groups, we do not own, or have exclusive access to, our own premises. Our main weekly meetings are held in the Church Hall at All Saints Weston Green Church, which is a sponsor of the scout group. Our activities are in part constrained by the limited availability of this meeting place on weekday evenings.

Rather than actively seeking to expand, our priority is to operate the sections that we have, to offer our young members as rich and exciting a programme as possible. Our leaders are very active in planning and running events. Each year, we give young people in every section the opportunity to participate in camps and residential activities designed to provide the right level of challenge for their age group. We also participate as fully as possible in events and activities that are arranged by the scouting District (Esher) or County (Surrey).

We have limited storage space at the Church Hall and have to store most of our equipment off site. This increases the workload for our adult volunteers and limits the activities that we can offer at our

weekly meeting. Over the past few months we have engaged in discussions with the Church about the possibility of building some additional outdoor storage units adjacent to the Church Hall, and we are confident this will happen within the next few months.

The Scout Association has recently introduced Squirrels, a section for four- and five-year-olds. We are assessing the feasibility and desirability of establishing a Squirrel section, which would require a new team of adult volunteers to run it.

Section G: Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Andrew James Panayides, Treasurer



Nigel Brian Harris, Chair

15th July 2024

1ST WESTON GREEN SCOUT GROUP

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from

1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

	NOTES	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts			
Donations, legacies and similar income			
Membership Subscriptions	1	8,300	9,150
Donations		0	0
Gift Aid Claims	2	6,052	0
Minibus Donation		400	200
Uniform sales and Investitures		585	535
Camping and Outings	3	9,783	6,324
Sale of Minibus PK	4	2,098	0
Grants			
Other grants		41	291
Fund Raising (gross)			
Miscellaneous		0	0
Christmas Trees collection	5	12,838	9,953
Easy Fund Raising		147	218
Investment Income			
Bank Interest		0	0
Rent		0	0
Total Receipts for the Year		40,244	26,671

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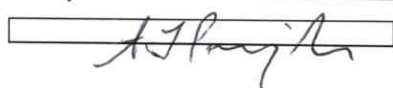
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Payments			
Charitable Payments			
Rent of Church and Garage	6	3,578	3,730
Camping and Outings		10,825	5,652
Insurance Equipment		430	419
Insurance mini bus	4	649	1,713
Capitation Fees		4,057	3,877
Miscellaneous	7	892	378
Purchases of Badges and Uniforms		1,307	906
Training		78	197
Mini bus running expenses	8	261	3,280
Scruff Kit		0	0
New Equipment		1,369	1,218
New Equipment (asset)		0	0
80th birthday party celebration		0	2,413
Website		195	148
Catering for leaders meetings		86	59
OSM fees		219	200
Go Cardless charges		611	528
Bank charges		61	60
Zoom virtual meeting costs		0	0
Fundraising expenses			
Christmas Tree collection	9	3,793	3,407
Other Fund Raising Expenses		0	0
Christmas Tree monies refunded		120	38
Total Payments for the year		28,531	28,223
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		11,713	-1,552
Cash funds last year end		31,091	32,643
Cash funds this year end		42,804	31,091

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	NOTES	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds			
Bank Current Account		42,804	31,091
Bank Deposit Account		0	0
PayPal Account # 1		0	0
PayPal Account # 2		0	0
Cash in hand		0	0
Total cash funds		42,804	31,091
Non monetary assets for charity's own use			
Motor vehicle WA	10	5,560	7,414
Motor vehicle PK		0	219
Scouting Equipment	10	4,597	5,108
Total		10,157	12,741
Total assets		52,961	43,832
Liabilities		0	0
Total net assets		52,961	43,832

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 15 July 2024 and signed on their behalf.

Signature



Print name
 NIGEL HARRIS
 ANDREW PANAYIDES

Chair
 Treasurer

THE NOTES ON PAGE 4, FORM AN INTEGRAL, IMPORTANT PART
OF THESE ACCOUNTS

PLEASE READ THE NOTES ON PAGE 4

NOTES

- 1 This year's membership subscriptions reflect a standard year of subscriptions. There were slightly less cubs this year.
- 2 This was our first year claiming Gift aid which represents an exceptional claim for the last 4 years. Moving forward next year's claim will be for one year only as per the rules.
- 3 More camping activities were undertaken in the year.
- 4 Our Green coloured mini bus PK was sold in April 2023, for £2000, due to a lack of use. This has resulted in insurance and running costs savings. £98 road tax refund is included.
- 5 We changed our pricing policy and this gave us greater Christmas Tree collection revenue.
- 6 Rent payable reflects church hall usage by all sections except for Explorers as they no longer use the church hall for meetings.
- 7 Within Miscellaneous, expenditure has been made for science experiments, food for cooking practice, prizes, printer cartridges and thank you gifts for leaders.
- 8 Mini bus running costs are a lot lower this year as we are only running one mini bus. Service costs for both vehicles in the previous year were exceptionally high, due to several items needing attention.

Please be aware a £604 service and MOT performed in October 2023 was only invoiced by the garage in June 2024, thus this cost will be included in next year's accounts.
- 9 Christmas Tree collection expense, includes cost of van hire, fuel for vans, Mailchimp and Onfleet, and Shopfy and Paypal processing costs of £467. This year we paid £1,710 to a firm to dispose of the collected trees for us.
- 10 Motor vehicle is depreciated at 25% reducing balance method and equipment is depreciated at 10% reducing balance method.



Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Weston Green Scout Group Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Weston Green Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Weston Green 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 Weston Green 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 Weston Green 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: 

Name: Lisa Pullin

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

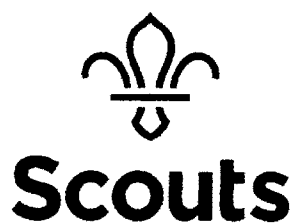
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1ST WESTON GREEN (ALL SAINTS) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1180590

Accounts



1st Weston Green Scout Group

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Section A: Reference and Administration Details

Charity name: 1st Weston Green (All Saints) Scout Group

Registered charity number: 1180590

Scout Association HQ registration number: 10011869

Charity's principal address: The Scout Group is based at the Church Hall, All Saints Church, Chestnut Avenue, Weston Green, Esher KT10 8JL. The Church is our sponsor and most of our regular section meetings are held at the Church Hall. This is a facility that we share with the Church and with other community groups. Our address for correspondence is that of our Group Chair: 36 Lower Green Road, Esher, Surrey KT10 8HD.

During the period to 31 March 2023, the trustees who managed the charity were:

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| • Nigel Harris | Chair |
| • Chad Newton | Vice-Chair (resigned 20/07/2022) |
| • Fiona Wood | Secretary (resigned 20/07/2022) |
| • Andrew Panayides | Treasurer |
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| • John Coghlan | Trustee (appointed 20/07/2022) |
| • Nick Fisk | Acting Group Scout Leader (appointed 30/11/2022) |

Section B: Structure, Governance and Management

Governance and Management

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 (POR) of the Scout Association. The Group is a trust established under these rules which are common to all Scout Groups. The trustees are appointed in accordance with the POR of the Scout Association.

The Group is managed as an educational charity by its Trustee Board, the members of which are the charity trustees. As 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 Trustee Board consists of three independent representatives: Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, together with the Group Scout Leader, Assistant Group Scout Leader, and parent representatives who between them represent all the sections (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers). Section leaders may also serve as charity trustees if they wish, but none did so during this period. The Trustee Board meets a minimum of six times a year, with additional meetings as needed to arrange specific events such as fundraising. Representatives of our sponsoring body, All Saints Church, and of the Esher District scouts committee are invited to join our meetings.

Members of the Trustee Board are elected or appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Group Scout Council, which includes all adult and associate members of the Scout Group (including the parents and guardians of young members) and all our Leaders, as well as representatives of our sponsoring authority (All Saints Weston Green Church) and Esher District scouts.

All new members of the Trustee Board must complete training in accordance with the Scout Association POR, including completing the *Trustee Induction* training within five months of joining the Board. All members of the Board, along with all adult volunteers having contact with young people on a repeated basis, or on nights away activities, are DBS checked.

The Trustee Board exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the objectives of the charity, and is responsible for:

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- the insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- arranging the Annual General Meeting and other Group public occasions;
- assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- appointing any sub committees that may be required;
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Risks and Internal Controls

The Trustee Board periodically reviews and monitors the main risks to which they believe the Group is exposed. The main areas of concern include:

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members: The Group contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy through capitation fees, and takes out additional

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During 2022, we received notice that the local authority would no longer be able to accept Christmas trees collected by charities. We replanned the collection, using a piece of land generously provided for our use by the local racecourse, and arranging the processing and removal of the trees for use as biomass for power generation, at commercial rates. We also lost access to some volunteers who had provided their own vehicles in previous years, and made the decision not to use trailers because of the risks involved, so relied more heavily on vans rented on a commercial basis.

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Unlike some other scout groups around the country, 1st Weston Green scout group had emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic in strong form, with Beavers and Cubs sections at or near capacity, and strong Scouts and Explorer sections. The Group remained popular within the community, with around 50 people on the waiting list, around half of them below the age at which they could start in Beavers, and the other half waiting for a place to come free in the Beavers or Cubs section.

In May 2022, we celebrated the 80th anniversary of the founding of the scout group, holding an outdoor evening party for all our young people, their parents and siblings, leaders, trustees, and group supporters. Scout-style games were enjoyed by young and old, and we transformed the Church car park into an open-air café. As well as giving everyone the chance to meet in person, the event was very helpful in advertising the need for additional help and identifying potential new adult volunteers.

The Group continued to experience turnover in leaders during the period. One of our most experienced and active leaders, Rob Cannell, moved away from the area and left the group in summer 2022. Rob was our Group Scout Leader (GSL) and was also providing important support to the relatively new team of leaders in the Cubs section. Rob's role as GSL was initially filled using a team approach, with Carole Needham (another very experienced leader) acting as Assistant GSL handling the administrative aspects of the role, and Nick Fisk (Scout Leader) taking over the more 'scouty' elements of the role. Nick Fisk is now Acting GSL and continues as Scout Leader.

Kirstie Wood started the period as a key member of the Cubs section leadership team but moved in September 2022 to become our new Explorer Scouts Leader. Two new assistant leaders were recruited into the Cubs section during the period.

The Trustees continued to support the Leaders during the period by transferring as much of the administrative burden as possible to parent volunteers.

Our main annual fundraising event, the collection of Christmas trees for recycling, was successfully completed in January 2023, although we had to make major changes to the arrangements for collection and disposal of trees. With new arrangements being tested for the first time, we set a limit of 1,000 trees. Using our minibus and a small fleet of rented vans, we collected the trees in just 10 hours, and had them all chipped and sent off for use as power generation fuel 48 hours later. After costs, we raised a total of £6,500 for the group.

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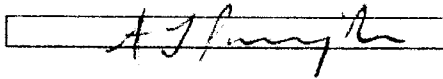
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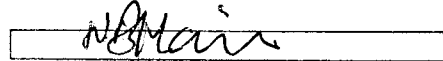
Section G: Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

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Andrew James Panayides, Treasurer

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Nigel Brian Harris, Chair

17th July 2023

1ST WESTON GREEN SCOUT GROUP

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from

1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

	NOTES	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts			
Donations, legacies and similar income			
Membership Subscriptions	1	9,150	14,525
Donations		0	0
Gift Aid Claims		0	0
Minibus Donation		200	0
Uniform sales and Investitures		535	1,375
Camping and Outings	2	6,324	3,695
Grants			
Other grants		291	164
Fund Raising (gross)			
Miscellaneous		0	0
Equipment Sale		0	0
Christmas Trees collection		9,953	8,404
Easy Fund Raising		218	205
Investment Income			
Bank Interest		0	0
Rent		0	0
Total Receipts for the Year		26,671	28,368

1ST WESTON GREEN SCOUT GROUP

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from

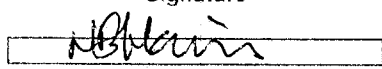
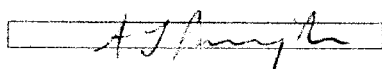
1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

	NOTES	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Unrestricted funds £
Payments			
Charitable Payments			
Rent of Church and Garage	3	3,730	2,880
Camping and Outings		5,652	4,347
Insurance Equipment		419	785
Insurance Van		1,713	1,474
Capitation Fees		3,877	4,259
Miscellaneous	4	378	385
Purchases of Badges and Uniforms		906	1,320
Training		197	354
Van running expenses		3,280	1,211
Scruff Kit		0	0
New Equipment		1,218	1,209
New Equipment (asset)		0	0
80th birthday party celebration	5	2,413	0
Website		148	245
Catering for leaders meetings		59	225
OSM fees		200	247
Go Cardless charges		528	618
Bank charges		60	15
Zoom virtual meeting costs		0	0
Fundraising expenses			
Christmas Tree collection	6	3,407	1,347
Other Fund Raising Expenses		0	0
Christmas Tree monies refunded		38	56
Total Payments for the year		28,223	20,977
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year		-1,552	7,391
Cash funds last year end		32,643	25,252
Cash funds this year end		31,091	32,643

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	NOTES	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds			
Bank Current Account		31,091	32,643
Bank Deposit Account		0	0
PayPal Account # 1		0	0
PayPal Account # 2		0	0
Cash in hand		0	0
Total cash funds		31,091	32,643
Non monetary assets for charity's own use			
Motor vehicle WA	7	7,414	9,886
Motor vehicle PK	7	219	291
Scouting Equipment	7	5,108	5,676
Total		12,741	15,853
Total assets		43,832	48,496
Liabilities		0	0
Total net assets		43,832	48,496

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 17 July 2023 and signed on their behalf.

Signature



Print name
 NIGEL HARRIS Chair
 ANDREW PANAYIDES Treasurer

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NOTES

- 1 This year's membership subscriptions reflect a standard year of subscriptions. The figure for the previous year includes the late collection of some 2021 subscriptions.
- 2 More camping activities were undertaken in the year. During the first half of the previous year, Covid 19 restrictions prevented camping activities.
- 3 Rent payable is lower in the previous year, as the church did not charge us any rent of the church hall (up to September 2021) as we were not using the hall due to Covid 19 restrictions.
- 4 Within Miscellaneous, expenditure has been made for water pistols, food for cooking practice, prizes, printer cartridges and Poppy Wreaths.
- 5 During May 2022, the Group held a party to mark its 80th birthday, and to allow all the children, leaders, trustees and parents to meet together for the first time since the start of Covid 19 restrictions. The event was greatly enjoyed by all, and proved very useful in drumming up additional adult volunteer help from among the parents.
- 6 Christmas Tree collection expense, includes cost of van hire , fuel for vans , Mailchimp and Onfleet , and Shopfy and Paypal processing costs of £398. This year we paid £1,530 to a firm to dispose of the collected trees for us.
- 7 Motor vehicles are depreciated at 25% reducing balance method and equipment is depreciated at 10% reducing balance method.



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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Weston Green Scout Group Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Weston Green Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Weston Green 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 Weston Green 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 Weston Green 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:

Name: Lisa Pullin

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

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Date: 18/07/2023

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1ST WESTON GREEN (ALL SAINTS) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1180590

Accounts



1st Weston Green Scout Group

Trustees' Annual Report for the period from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

Section A: Reference and Administration Details

Charity name: 1st Weston Green (All Saints) Scout Group

Registered charity number: 1180590

Scout Association HQ registration number: 10011869

Charity's principal address: The Scout Group is based at the Church Hall, All Saints Church, Chestnut Avenue, Weston Green, Esher KT10 8JL. The Church is our sponsor and most of our regular section meetings are held at the Church Hall. However, this is a facility that we share with the Church and with other community groups. Our address for correspondence is that of our Chairman: 36 Lower Green Road, Esher, Surrey KT10 8HD.

During the period to 31 March 2022, the trustees who managed the charity were:

- Nigel Harris Chairman
- Chad Newton Vice-Chairman
- Fiona Wood Secretary
- Andrew Panayides Treasurer
- Robert Cannell Group Scout Leader
- Carole Needham Assistant Group Scout Leader
- Emma Harris
- Susannah Evans (resigned 23/06/2021)
- Clare Wright (appointed 23/06/2021)
- Angela Cody (appointed 23/06/2021, resigned 4/3/2022)

Section B: Structure, Governance and Management

Governance and Management

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 (POR) of the Scout Association. The Group is a trust established under these rules which are common to all Scout Groups. The trustees are appointed in accordance with the POR of the Scout Association.

The Group is managed as an educational charity by its Executive Committee, the members of which are the charity trustees. As 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 Executive Committee consists of three independent representatives: Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, together with the Group Scout Leader, Assistant Group Scout Leader, and parent representatives who between them represent all the sections (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers). Individual section leaders may also join the Executive Committee as charity trustees if they wish, but none did so during this period. The Executive Committee meets a minimum of six times a year, with additional meetings as needed to arrange specific events such as fundraising. Representatives of our sponsoring body, All Saints Church, and of the Esher District scouts committee are invited to join our meetings.

Members of the Executive Committee are elected or appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Group Scout Council, which includes all adult and associate members of the Scout Group (including the parents and guardians of young members) and all our Leaders, as well as representatives of our sponsoring authority (All Saints Weston Green Church) and Esher District scouts.

All new members of the Executive Committee must complete training in accordance with the Scout Association POR, including completing the *Essential Information for Executive Committee* training within five months of joining the Committee. All members of the Executive Committee, along with all adult volunteers having contact with young people are DBS checked.

The Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the objectives of the charity, and is responsible for:

- the maintenance of Group property;
- raising funds and the administration of group finances;
- the insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- arranging the Annual General Meeting and other 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.

Risks and Internal Controls

The Executive Committee periodically reviews and monitors the main risks to which they believe the Group is exposed. The main areas of concern include:

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members: The Group contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy through capitation fees, and takes out additional insurance if needed. Risk assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fundraising: The Group relies on income from subscriptions and fundraising. Our main fundraising activity is an annual collection, in early January, of Christmas trees for recycling. Our ability to operate this collection relies on the cooperation and support of a local garden centre and the council recycling service, neither of which can be guaranteed. There is a risk we could have to find new partners to enable us to continue the collection, and the associated costs could increase.

The group holds a reserve to ensure we would be able to continue our activities, or wind them down in an orderly manner, should there be a major reduction in income. We could also raise the level of subscription fees, should that become necessary, either as a temporary or permanent measure.

Reduction or loss of leaders: The Group relies entirely on volunteers to run and administer the activities of the Group. Most importantly, we need a certain number of uniformed leaders to be able to continue to operate our four sections (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers) at full strength. Many of these volunteers are drawn from among the parents of the young people who join the group. The commitment required is substantial, and understandably, leaders often wish to move on or step down after a few years. If we were unable to maintain the necessary level of uniformed leaders, we might have to reduce the size of a section or close it altogether. In the worst case, we might have to close the entire Group. This is perhaps the greatest risk that the Group faces, and is one that requires constant attention from the Leaders and Executive Committee to ensure that we are constantly recruiting and developing new leaders.

Reduction or loss of members: At the end of the period, the Group had a waiting list of around 100 young people. Many of our young members originally joined as Beavers at age six and have worked their way up through the sections, but where space is available, we also have young people who join at older ages, either new to Scouting, or transferring from another Group. However, if there were to be a substantial reduction in the membership of a section, then we might have to reduce the size of a section or close it altogether. While our Beavers and Cubs sections are fully subscribed, we tend to lose some young people as they get older, because of other commitments. The Explorer Scout section (age 14-18) is operated jointly with other local scout groups.

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. All payments require the approval of both the Chair and the Treasurer. The Group has comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C: Objectives and Activities

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

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.

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

- take part in activities indoors and outdoors;
- undertake new and challenging activities;
- learn by doing;
- share in spiritual reflection;
- take responsibility and make choices;
- enjoy what they are doing and have fun.

All members of the Scout Group, whether young people or adult volunteers, make a Scout Promise in which they promise to do their best to help other people and to be trusted, loyal, friendly and considerate, to have courage in difficulty, to have self-respect and to respect others.

The Group arranges a programme of weekly meetings during school term times, with indoor or outdoor activities and challenges for young people of all ages between six and eighteen. The Beavers section is for young people between six and eight years, and meets on Monday evenings. The Cubs section is for young people between eight and 10.5 years, and meets on Thursday evenings. The Scouts section is for young people between 10.5 and 14 years and meets on Monday evenings. We also have an Explorer Scouts unit for young people between 14 and 18 years old. This unit is administered as a section of our Group, but holds its meetings and activities jointly with other nearby scout groups. The Explorers, working with adult volunteers, plan their own programme of activities.

The Group also organises weekend and holiday activities that include camps, hikes, and other outdoor adventure activities. The Group also participates in programmes of events that are organised at District, County, or National levels.

Young people in scouting can earn badges in recognition of skills learned, challenges met, and activities carried out. Our regular programmes and our camp activities are designed to meet the requirements for these badges. Young people who participate fully in the Group's activities will complete enough activities and challenges to be rewarded with the Chief Scout's Award, which they can wear on their uniform with justified pride.

To help young people in their personal development, if and when our leaders judge that they are ready for the challenge, they may be given a position of responsibility. For example, at age nine or ten, a young person may be promoted to the role of "Sixer" or "Seconder" within the Cubs section, with responsibility for a group of five or six Cubs. Later, as a teenager in the Explorer section, they may choose to join the Young Leaders programme and assist adult volunteers in the planning and running of programmes for a younger section.

Public Benefit Statement

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. Subscription fees are set at a level that covers only the immediate running costs of the Group and the capitation fees to the Scout Association, to ensure they remain as low as possible and do not unduly restrict membership. We admit members primarily from the local community in the immediate area around Weston Green.

As charity trustees, members of the Executive Committee pay due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance where relevant to our decision making.

Section D: Achievements and Performance

The period from April 2021 to March 2022 saw a welcome return to face-to-face scouting and the gradual resumption of a full calendar of scouting activities, as COVID-19 restrictions were lifted. At all times, the group's activities were planned and adapted to comply with government regulations and to follow the advice and guidelines of the national Scout Association and the Esher District scouts.

At the start of the period, we were in the third national lockdown and were holding our meetings virtually via Zoom. In May 2021, when easing restrictions allowed outdoor gatherings of 30 people, our sections returned to outdoor meetings, with Beavers going litter picking and Scouts practicing erecting tents on the common. In August 2021, the group held its first camp for more than a year, with a small group of Scouts and Explorers visiting the Isle of Wight. By the end of the period, all legal restrictions arising from COVID-19 had been lifted, and we were looking forward to spring and summer terms with a full schedule of indoor and outdoor events, including group camping expeditions and an array of District and County events.

Unlike some other scout groups around the country, 1st Weston Green scout group emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic in strong form, with Beavers and Cubs sections at or near capacity, and strong Scouts and Explorer sections. The Group remained popular within the community, with around 100 people on the waiting list, around half of them below the age at which they could start in Beavers, and the other half waiting for a place to come free in the Beavers or Cubs section.

The Group continued to experience turnover in leaders during the period. Nicola Chetwynd-Stapylton, who had led our Beavers section for many years, moved away from the area and left the group in summer 2021. A new leader for the Beavers group was recruited from among the parents with children joining the section and made a great start of planning and executing the section's activities, working with the established team of section assistants. The Cubs section continued to be run by a small team who share the leader role, with the assistance of our experienced Group Scout Leader, Rob Cannell.

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Investment Policy

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Section 6: Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signatures:

	
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Full Names:

Nigel Brian Harris	Fiona Lindsay Wood
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Position:

Chair	Secretary
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Date:

12 July 2022	12 July 2022
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1ST WESTON GREEN SCOUT GROUP

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from **1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022**

	NOTES	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts			
Donations, legacies and similar income			
Membership Subscriptions	1	14,525	6,001
Donations		0	0
Gift Aid Claims		0	0
Minibus Donation		0	0
Uniform sales and Investitures		1,375	365
Camping and Outings	2	3,695	318
Grants			
Other grants		164	1,558
Fund Raising (gross)			
Miscellaneous		0	0
Equipment Sale		0	0
Christmas Trees collection	3	8,404	6,047
Easy Fund Raising		205	291
Investment Income			
Bank Interest		0	0
Rent		0	0
Total Receipts for the Year		28,368	14,580

1ST WESTON GREEN SCOUT GROUP

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from

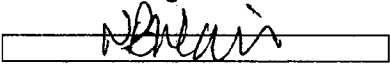
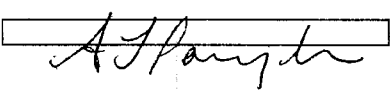
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	NOTES	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Unrestricted funds £
Payments			
Charitable Payments			
Rent of Church and Garage	4	2,880	1,402
Camping and Outings		4,347	1,899
Insurance Equipment	5	785	0
Insurance Van	6	1,474	412
Capitation Fees		4,259	4,215
Miscellaneous	7	385	273
Purchases of Badges and Uniforms		1,320	586
Training		354	109
Van running expenses		1,211	2,626
Scruff Kit		0	0
New Equipment		1,209	1,109
New Equipment (asset)		0	0
Uniform sales and Investitures		0	0
Website		245	0
Catering for leaders meetings		225	144
OSM fees		247	204
Go Cardless charges		618	202
Bank charges		15	0
Zoom virtual meeting costs		0	73
Fundraising expenses			
Christmas Tree collection	8	1,347	913
Other Fund Raising Expenses		0	0
Christmas Tree monies refunded		56	895
Total Payments for the year		20,977	15,062
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		7,391	-482
Cash funds last year end		25,252	25,734
Cash funds this year end		32,643	25,252

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	NOTES	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds			
Bank Current Account		32,643	21,982
Bank Deposit Account		0	0
PayPal Account # 1		0	0
PayPal Account # 2		0	3,270
Cash in hand		0	0
Total cash funds		32,643	25,252
Non monetary assets for charity's own use			
Motor vehicle WA	9	9,886	13,181
Motor vehicle PK	9	291	389
Scouting Equipment	9	5,676	6,306
Total		15,853	19,876
Total assets		48,496	45,128
Liabilities		0	0
Total net assets		48,496	45,128

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 15th July 2022 and signed on their behalf.

Signature	Print name	
	NIGEL HARRIS	Chair
	ANDREW PANAYIDES	Treasurer

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NOTES

- 1 The increase reflects a return to full subscription payments (membership fees were reduced while meetings were run online) and the late collection of some 2021 subscriptions.
- 2 We are pleased to say Camping activities resumed in the year .
2021- Due to Covid-19 Lockdowns, camping activities were not undertaken.
- 3 We were able to perform our annual Christmas tree fundraising activity this year, unlike the year before where it was cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- 4 Rent payable is higher this year, given physical meetings in the church hall have resumed again and the church invoiced us accordingly from September 2021.
- 5 There is a prepayment within Insurance Equipment , of £ 345 , paid 12th March 2022, which relates to insurance cover for the year ended 31st March 2023.
- 6 Insurance Van is greater this year because the vehicles were not insured for most of the 2020/2021 Covid 19 lockdown period (lack of use). This year's cost reflects a standard yearly premium for both vehicles.
- 7 Within Miscellaneous, expenditure has been made for water pistols, food for cooking practice, prizes, printer cartridges and Poppy Wreaths.
- 8 Christmas Tree collection expense, includes cost of van hire , fuel for vans , Mailchimp and Onfleet , and Shopfiy and Paypal processing costs of £ 334.
- 9 Motor vehicles are depreciated at 25% reducing balance method and equipment is depreciated at 10% reducing balance method.



Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Weston Green Scout Group Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Weston Green Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Weston Green 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 Weston Green 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 Weston Green 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: 

Name: Lisa Pullin

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Date: 06/07/2022