



AGM REPORT FOR BEWDLEY SCOUT GROUP

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Receipts	
Membership Subscriptions	£3,971.90
Donations	£21,599.61
Go fund me	£963.49
Activities	£34.50
Other fundraising	£700.00
Sub Total	£27,269.50
Payments	
Programme and activities	£585.16
Water bills	£120.77
Electricity	£685.53
Insurance	£628.66
Repairs to Hut	£15,298.39
Materials and equipment	£584.50
Uniform	£23.00
AGM expenses	£5.00
Activities	£274.00
Loan repayment	£2,000.00
HQ and County membership fee	£2,302.50
Rhydd Fees	£157.50
District Fees	£292.50
Lottery Licence	£40.00
Sub Total	£22,997.51
Total Income	£27,269.50
Total Expenditure	£22,997.51
Net of receipts/payments	£4,271.99
Cash funds last year end	£5,997.43
Cash funds this year end	£10,269.42
Cash Funds	
Bank Current Account	£10,169.42
Bank Deposit Account	£153.29
Saving Account	£100.00
Total Cash Funds	£10,422.71

WF20 Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

For the year
from

01/04/2020

Receipts and payments

04/2020 - 03/2021

Unrestricted funds

£

Receipts

Donations, legacies and similar income	
Membership subscriptions	£ 3,971.90
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	£ -
Net membership subscriptions retained	£ 3,971.90
Donations	£ 21,599.61
Legacies	£ -
Gift Aid	£ -
Gofundme Income	£ 963.49
Camp/Activity	£ 34.50
Sub total	£ 26,569.50
Grants	
Maintenance grant	£ -
Other grants	£ -
District loan	£ -
Sub total	£ -
Fundraising (gross)	
Easi Fund	£ -
Detail 2	£ -
Detail 3	£ -
Other fundraising activities	£ 700.00
Sub total	£ 700.00
Investment income	
Bank interest	£ -
Building Society interest	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-
Property Rent income	-
Other investment income	-
Sub total	£ -
Total Gross Income	£ 27,269.50
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-
Total receipts	£ 27,269.50

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Charitable Payments	
Youth programme and activities	£ 585.16
Adult support and training	£ -
Rent	£ -
Water and Sewerage	£ 120.77
Electricity and Gas	£ 685.53
Insurance	£ 628.66
Repairs and Renewals	£ 15,298.39
Materials and equipment	£ 584.50
Printing and photocopying	£ -
Contribution to camp costs	£ -
Uniforms	£ 23.00
AGM and trustee expenses	£ 5.00
Camp/Activity	£ 274.00
Stationary	£ -
Loan Repayment	£ 2,000.00
Scout Association Subscriptions	£ 2,302.50
Rhydd Campsite Membership	£ 157.50
WF District Fee	£ 292.50
Sub total	£ 22,957.51
Fundraising expenses	
Lottery Operators Licence Fee	£ 40.00
Transfer to savings	£ 100.00
Detail 3	£ -
Other fundraising costs	£ -
Sub total	£ 140.00
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Asset and investment purchases, etc.	£ -
Total payments	£ 23,097.51
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

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Building society account	£ -
Lloyds Saving Account	£ 100.00
Cash/Floats	£ -
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Other monetary assets	
Tax claim	£ -
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	£ -
Insurance claim	£ -
Sub total	£ -
Investment assets	
Investment property - detail	£ -
Quoted investments	£ -
Other investments - detail	£ -
Sub total	£ -
Non monetary assets for charity's own use	
Badge stock	£ -
Shop stock	£ -
Other stock	£ -
Land and buildings	£ -
Motor vehicles	£ -
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	£ -
Other	£ -
Sub total	£ -
Liabilities	
Accounts not yet paid	£ -
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	£ -
Subscriptions not yet paid	£ -
Loan - detail	£ -
Other liabilities	£ -
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