

GREAT AMWELL SCOUT GROUP (TL/2357)

England & Wales - Charity number 267345

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1974-05-07

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

Activities: Scouting activities in the County of Hertfordshire

Classification

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

Geography

- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£49,957	£74,473	-	-
2024-01-31	£51,363	£66,444	-	-
2023-01-31	£52,786	£73,485	-	-
2022-01-31	£52,961	£27,632	-	-
2021-01-31	£40,209	£26,650	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW MICHAEL VERDIN	Chair	2012-11-11
CHRISTINE PRINCE		
COLIN HAYWOOD		
Christina Marion Patricia Coates		2024-02-05
Daniel James Buswell		2024-02-05
GAIL STRETCH		
Richard Christopher Clayden		2024-02-05

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Accounts

1ST GREAT AMWELL SCOUT GROUP

(Registered Charity no 267345)

ACCOUNTS and REPORT

2024-2025

Year ended 31 January 2025

1ST GREAT AMWELL SCOUT GROUP

TRUSTEE BOARD MEMBERS:

Chair	Andy Verdin
Group Lead Volunteer	Gail Stretch
Treasurer	Christine Prince
Trustee	Daniel Buswell
Trustee	Richard Clayden
Trustee	Christina Coates
Trustee	Colin Haywood

GROUP LEADERSHIP TEAM:

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Beaver (Wolves) Team Leader	Wendy Devonshire- Helps
Squirrels Team Leader	Leanne Couzens

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

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ADVISORS

Bankers	Barclays Bank plc
Independent Examiner	Cleo McGovern

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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The Group is a Trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Trustee Board (formerly Group Executive Committee), the members of which are the Charity Trustees of the Scout Group, which is deemed a charity set up to provide Scouting activities in Hertfordshire. As Charity Trustees, they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Trustee Board consists of seven trustees, registered with the Charities Commission: the Chair, Group Lead Volunteer, Treasurer, Secretary, Risk Registrar, Property Manager and Youth Representative; and meets 3 or 4 times a year. Members of the Trustee Board complete 'Essential Information for Trustee Board' training within the first 5 months of joining.

This Trustee Board exists to make sure the Scout Group is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance. It is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required; and
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control

The Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which it believes 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 could request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions, lettings 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.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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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.

ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Activities

We are pleased to report that Great Amwell Scout Group has had a great year, with young people aged from 4 to 14 years enjoying the Group's facilities and programme of activities provided by our leaders.

Our sections have taken part in many District events such as the Beaver Hike and St George's Hunt. Cubs have entered teams into the Oxley Shield (successfully winning this challenging event), the Swimming Gala, as well as continuing an impressive winning record in the District Go-kart competition. Scouts have taken part in several competitions, most notably involving the District Nocturnal, Cooking and Lego competitions. We were also delighted to see our Beaver section running a joint camp with a visit to RAF Duxford.

The Olympic-themed Group Camp last year was a great success, with the Olympic torch burning bright throughout the event, even providing inspiration to help recruit a new leader.

Our Group Lead Volunteer, Gail Stretch, comments further:

"I am delighted that our AGM evening will kick-off another Group Camp weekend. This year, we will be 'Racing Across the World', and a big thank you to Shere Khan from Otters who has led preparations for this year's camp theme."

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.

Achievements and Performance

Great Amwell is a very fortunate Scout Group and over the past six months we have invested further by replacing our fence at the top of the field to maintain our boundary and to keep all our members safe. The next project is to upgrade the kitchen and to replace the boiler. This has now been designed and we have been successful with a grant to cover part of the cost.

Despite the high level of investment in the past few years, including the mains sewerage works, new outdoor covered area and boundary fence, Great Amwell Scout Group remains financially sound. However, there is an ongoing need to raise funds to make the next projects happen, which is supported by the Group's involvement in a number of set fundraising activities, such as marshalling at the Ware Rotary Fireworks Display in November and a BBQ at Ware Week in July. Both events are also great opportunities for us to raise the profile of the Group, help our community as well as to raise funds.

This year our Scout Leader, Richard Clayden, has decided to take a step back from section leader duties to become a supporting team member. Whilst he is looking to slowly move into 'retirement', he also knows he would miss the scouting family too much so has kindly offered to continue to oversee maintenance of the Group premises and facilities. We are very pleased to confirm that Graham Paul is taking up the role of Team Leader for Scouts, with Anthony Dakin supporting as a Team Member and Richard attending on specific evenings.

We will continue a recruitment campaign as we do have vacancies across our leadership teams.

The Group has identified the major risks to which it is exposed and follows the policies and rules of the Scout Association to deal with them.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

After a further year of significant investment – more than £40,000 in capital projects, primarily linked to a brand new outside covered space – the Group generated a deficit on general funds and activities of £24,515.56 for the 12-month period to 31 January 2025. At the end of this period, the Group had cash of £33,751.93 in general funds, together with designated reserves of £1,500.00 as a contribution to the new boundary fence. Since the end of the accounting period, the work involved in this new fencing project has been completed.

The Group has identified the major risks to which it is exposed and follows the policies and rules of the Scout Association to deal with them.

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 Trustee Board considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to at least 12 months running costs, which currently equates to around £30,000 in reserves. The Board is pleased to report that by the end of the financial year, general reserves were replenished to the optimum level.

Investment Policy

The Group's Income and Expenditure is relatively modest and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments, such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash or instant access accounts using only mainstream banks or building societies.

The Trustee Board regularly monitors the level of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the Group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn; before doing so the Trustee Board reviews its cash flow requirements going forward.

DECLARATION

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

A Verdin

Andrew Verdin
Chairman
Date: 28th April 2025

C Prince

Christine Prince
Treasurer
Date: 28th April 2025

G Stretch

Gail Stretch
Group Lead Volunteer
Date: 28th April 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTES OF THE 1ST GREAT AWMELL SCOUT GROUP**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st January 2025, which are set out in pages 8 to 10.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

C McGovern

6th May, 2025

Miss C McGovern
1341 High Road
Whetstone
London
N20 9HR

1st Great Amwell Scout Group (Registered Charity No 267345)

Balance sheet as at 31st January 2025

<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
311,819.11 Brought Forward	296,738.24		
(15,080.87) (Deficit)/Surplus for year	(24,515.56)		
		<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	
		1.00 Land	1.00
		236,969.75 Building - brought forward	236,969.75
		- additions	-
		<u>236,970.75</u>	<u>236,969.75</u>
		<u>CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND</u>	
		50,906.87 Barclays Group - unrestricted	33,340.43
		7,920.00 Barclays Group - restricted	1,500.00
		894.05 NatWest Scouts	383.85
		46.57 Cash Cubs (Otters)	27.65
		<u>59,767.49</u>	<u>35,251.93</u>
<u>£ 296,738.24</u>	<u>£ 272,222.68</u>	<u>£ 296,738.24</u>	<u>£ 272,222.68</u>

1st Great Amwell Scout Group (Registered Charity No 267345)
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31st January 2025

Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	TOTAL		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	TOTAL
2024	2024	2024		2025	2025	2025
			INCOME & EXPENDITURE			
			Incoming Resources			
11,216.00		11,216.00	Membership Subscriptions	14,333.69		14,333.69
6,459.81		6,459.81	Activities	4,926.00		4,926.00
26.00		26.00	Donations	669.46		669.46
(7,000.00)	8,000.00	1,000.00	Grants	1,500.00	1,500.00	3,000.00
22,953.80		22,953.80	Premises	23,110.55		23,110.55
2,495.00		2,495.00	Fundraising	1,119.57		1,119.57
6,585.12		6,585.12	Income Tax Recovered	2,483.12		2,483.12
627.67		627.67	Bank Interest & Investment Income	314.80		314.80
<u>43,363.40</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>51,363.40</u>	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>48,457.19</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>49,957.19</u>
			RESOURCES USED			
			Direct Charitable Expenditure			
15,729.48		15,729.48	Members Activities & Services provided	14,854.41		14,854.41
2,066.19		2,066.19	Administration	1,315.01		1,315.01
48,648.60		48,648.60	Premises	50,303.33	8,000.00	58,303.33
<u>66,444.27</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,444.27</u>	TOTAL RESOURCES USED	<u>66,472.75</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>74,472.75</u>
(23,080.87)	8,000.00	(15,080.87)	NET RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS	(18,015.56)	(6,500.00)	(24,515.56)
			Other recognised Gains & Losses			
-		-	Revaluation of Property	-		-
-		-	Surplus on sale of Investments	-		-
<u>(23,080.87)</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>(15,080.87)</u>	NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	<u>(18,015.56)</u>	<u>(6,500.00)</u>	<u>(24,515.56)</u>
311,819.11	-	311,819.11	Balance Brought Forward	288,738.24	8,000.00	296,738.24
<u>288,738.24</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>£ 296,738.24</u>	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	<u>270,722.68</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>£ 272,222.68</u>
			FIXED ASSETS			
236,970.75		236,970.75	Tangible Fixed Assets	236,970.75		236,970.75
-		-	Investments	-		-
<u>236,970.75</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>236,970.75</u>	CURRENT ASSETS			
			Payment in advance			
-		-	Debtors	-		-
51,720.92	8,000.00	59,720.92	Bank & Building Society	33,724.28	1,500.00	35,224.28
46.57		46.57	Cash	27.65		27.65
<u>51,767.49</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>59,767.49</u>	CURRENT LIABILITIES			
			Creditors (amount falling due within 1 year)			
-		-		-		-
<u>51,767.49</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>59,767.49</u>	NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>33,751.93</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>35,251.93</u>
288,738.24	8,000.00	296,738.24	TOTAL ASSETS less CURRENT LIABILITIES	270,722.68	1,500.00	272,222.68
			Creditors (amounts falling due after more than 1 year)			
-		-		-		-
<u>288,738.24</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>£ 296,738.24</u>	NET ASSETS	<u>270,722.68</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>£ 272,222.68</u>

Approved on behalf of the Executive Committee on
28th April 2025 and
signed on their authority

G Stretch
Gail Stretch
Group Lead Volunteer

A Verdin
Andrew Verdin
Chairman

C Prince
Christine Prince
Treasurer

GREAT AMWELL SCOUT GROUP (TL/2357)

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Accounts

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS

2023-2024

Year ended 31 January 2024

1ST GREAT AMWELL SCOUT GROUP

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Group Lead Volunteer (Ex Officio)	Gail Stretch
Group Treasurer	Christine Prince
Trustee (Secretary)	Christina Coates
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This Trustee Board exists to make sure the Scout Group is well managed; risks are assessed and mitigated; buildings and equipment are in good working order; and that everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers to run high-quality and safe programmes that provide young people 'skills for life'. It is responsible for:

- Development and maintenance of Group property and a Risk Register;
- Management and administration of Group finance and budgets, including fundraising;
- Establishing appropriate reserves and investment policies;
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ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Activities

We are fortunate to have an experienced and enthusiastic leadership team to provide a fun and exciting programme, and to make Scouting possible; the team looks forward to introducing a variety of activities into the schedule over the next year. We are also pleased to announce that from last October, we have been able to start our first Squirrels Drey, introducing young people aged 4-6 to Scouting.

Over the past months, our sections have taken part in many District events such as the Beaver Hike and Easter Egg Hunt; Cubs have entered teams into the Oxley Shield, Swimming Gala and, most recently, the District Go-kart competition. Scouts have taken part in and won Nocturnal and Cooking Competitions.

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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.

Achievements and Performance

Great Amwell Scout Group is in the very fortunate position of having excellent facilities to host a number of exciting and educational activities for young people. We continue to invest in those facilities and over the last six months have built a covered space for our members to be able to enjoy all year-round outdoor activities. The next project is to replace the kitchen and to secure the fencing and gate leading into the woods at the top of our headquarters.

This year has seen the Group invest a lot of its surplus funds on improving our headquarters and facilities. The Scout Group remains financially sound, however, we need to continue to raise funds to make the next projects happen and to limit any increase in subscriptions.

Our primary fundraising activities include marshalling at the Ware Rotary Fireworks Display in November and a BBQ plus Tombola stall at Ware Week in July; both events are also great opportunities for us to raise the profile of the Group and help our community, as well as to raise funds.

Unfortunately, over the last year we have seen some of our Leaders retire. They will be very much missed but we thank them for their commitment, hard work and time they have given to the Group, in some cases over decades. We will now be continuing with our recruitment campaign as we do have vacancies within our leadership teams.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year and after investing a further £35,000 in capital projects – primarily involving connection to the main sewerage system – the Group generated a deficit on general funds and activities of £15,080.87. Notwithstanding this outflow, as at 31 January 2024 the Group had cash of £51,847.49 in general funds plus designated reserves of £7,920.00, which have been put aside as contribution to our planned outside covered space. Since the end of the accounting period, final payments of just over £46,000 have been made in relation to the construction of the new outside covered area, adjacent to the main building; whilst this has further reduced our reserves, expected income during the rest of the year will help to rebalance the position.

The Group has identified the major risks to which it is exposed and follows the policies and rules of the Scout Association to deal with them.

Reserves Policy

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Investment Policy

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DECLARATION

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

A Verdin

Andrew Verdin
Group Chair
Date: 29 April 2024

C Prince

Christine Prince
Group Treasurer
Date: 29 April 2024

G Stretch

Gail Stretch
Group Lead Volunteer
Date: 29 April 2024

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C McGovern

3 June 2024

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**1st Great Amwell Scout Group (Registered Charity No 267345)
Receipts & Payments Account for the year to 31st January 2024**

RECEIPTS

<u>2023</u>		<u>2024</u>
	Subscriptions	
10,517.00	Subscriptions	11,216.00
-	Income Tax Recovered	6,585.12
	Activities	
5,826.93	Camps & Activities	6,459.81
	Donations	
1,200.00	Donations and contributions	26.00
	Grants	
11,226.00	Grants	1,000.00
	Fundraising	
700.00	Ware week	1,646.00
750.00	Fireworks	800.00
54.75	Other Fundraising	49.00
1,504.75		2,495.00
	Premises	
22,492.80	Lettings	22,953.80
	Investment Income Etc.	
18.22	Bank Interest	627.67
<u>£ 52,785.70</u>		<u>£ 51,363.40</u>

PAYMENTS

<u>2023</u>		<u>2024</u>
	Subscriptions	
4,524.00	To County & HQ	5,136.00
	Activities	
461.46	Badges & Uniform	1,633.60
108.21	Training	80.00
1,327.21	Materials	1,289.05
531.89	Equipment	671.98
6,258.86	Camps, Trips etc.	6,918.85
13,211.63		15,729.48
	Capital/Designated Expenditure	
43,701.84	Building Programme	35,410.51
	Administration	
1,083.66	General Expenses	2,066.19
1,083.66		2,066.19
	Premises	
1,658.27	Insurance	1,878.14
1,358.00	Grounds	1,200.00
1,105.35	Repairs/Maintenance	752.25
4,138.82	Cleaning	3,914.62
3,109.94	Electricity	4,357.34
361.00	Gas	271.74
2,304.00	Sewerage	864.00
1,452.52	Water Rates	-
15,487.90		13,238.09
73,485.03		66,444.27
(20,699.33)	(Deficit)/Surplus for year	(15,080.87)
<u>£ 52,785.70</u>		<u>£ 51,363.40</u>

1st Great Amwell Scout Group (Registered Charity No 267345)
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31st January 2024

Unrestricted Funds 2023	Designated Funds 2023	TOTAL 2023	INCOME & EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Designate d Funds 2024	TOTAL 2024
			Incoming Resources			
10,517.00		10,517.00	Membership Subscriptions	11,216.00		11,216.00
5,826.93		5,826.93	Activities	6,459.81		6,459.81
1,200.00		1,200.00	Donations	26.00		26.00
3,226.00	8,000.00	11,226.00	Grants	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
22,492.80		22,492.80	Premises	22,953.80		22,953.80
1,504.75		1,504.75	Fundraising	2,495.00		2,495.00
-		-	Income Tax Recovered	6,585.12		6,585.12
18.22		18.22	Bank Interest & Investment Income	627.67		627.67
<u>44,785.70</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>52,785.70</u>	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>50,363.40</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>51,363.40</u>
			RESOURCES USED			
			Direct Charitable Expenditure			
13,211.63		13,211.63	Members Activities & Services provided	15,729.48		15,729.48
1,083.66		1,083.66	Administration	2,066.19		2,066.19
59,189.74		59,189.74	Premises	47,568.60	1,080.00	48,648.60
<u>73,485.03</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,485.03</u>	TOTAL RESOURCES USED	<u>65,364.27</u>	<u>1,080.00</u>	<u>66,444.27</u>
(28,699.33)	8,000.00	(20,699.33)	NET RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS	(15,000.87)	(80.00)	(15,080.87)
			Other recognised Gains & Losses			
-		-	Revaluation of Property	-		-
-		-	Surplus on sale of Investments	-		-
<u>(28,699.33)</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>(20,699.33)</u>	NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	<u>(15,000.87)</u>	<u>(80.00)</u>	<u>(15,080.87)</u>
<u>332,518.44</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>332,518.44</u>	Balance Brought Forward	303,819.11	8,000.00	311,819.11
<u>303,819.11</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>£ 311,819.11</u>	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	<u>288,818.24</u>	<u>7,920.00</u>	<u>£ 296,738.24</u>
			FIXED ASSETS			
236,970.75		236,970.75	Tangible Fixed Assets	236,970.75		236,970.75
-		-	Investments	-		-
<u>236,970.75</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>236,970.75</u>	CURRENT ASSETS	<u>236,970.75</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>236,970.75</u>
			Payment in advance			
-		-	Debtors	-		-
66,782.84	8,000.00	74,782.84	Bank & Building Society	51,800.92	7,920.00	59,720.92
65.52		65.52	Cash	46.57		46.57
<u>66,848.36</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>74,848.36</u>	CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>51,847.49</u>	<u>7,920.00</u>	<u>59,767.49</u>
			Creditors (amount falling due within 1 year)			
-		-	-	-		-
<u>66,848.36</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>74,848.36</u>	NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>51,847.49</u>	<u>7,920.00</u>	<u>59,767.49</u>
303,819.11	8,000.00	311,819.11	TOTAL ASSETS less CURRENT LIABILITIES	288,818.24	7,920.00	296,738.24
			Creditors (amounts falling due after more than 1 year)			
-		-	-	-		-
<u>303,819.11</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>£ 311,819.11</u>	NET ASSETS	<u>288,818.24</u>	<u>7,920.00</u>	<u>£ 296,738.24</u>

Approved on behalf of the Executive Committee on
29th April 2024 and signed on their authority

Gail Stretch
Gail Stretch
Group Lead Volunteer

Andrew Verdin
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Group Chair

Christine Prince
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Group Treasurer

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GREAT AMWELL SCOUT GROUP (TL/2357)

England & Wales - Charity number 267345

Accounts

1ST GREAT AMWELL SCOUT GROUP

(Registered Charity number 267345)

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS

2022-2023

Year ended 31 January 2023

1ST GREAT AMWELL SCOUT GROUP

TRUSTEE BOARD MEMBERS

Andy Verdin	Chair
Gail Stretch	Group Scout Leader
Christine Prince	Group Treasurer
Christina Coates	Secretary
Richard Clayden	Scout Leader
Robert Price	Cub Leader
Michelle Lang	Cub Leader
Sonia Cousins	Beaver Leader
Wendy Devonshire-Helps	Beaver Leader
Gail Stretch	Subscriptions & Lettings Secretary

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Group Registration Number with Scout Association	35362
Charity Registration Number	267345
Charity Principal Address	142 London Road Ware Hertfordshire SG12 9NH

ADVISORS

Bankers	Barclays Bank plc
Independent Examiner	Miss C McGovern

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is a Trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Trustee Board (formerly Group Executive Committee), the members of which are the Charity Trustees of the Scout Group, which is deemed a charity set up to provide Scouting activities in Hertfordshire. As Charity Trustees, they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Trustee Board consists of 3 independent representatives: the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent representation; and meets 3 or 4 times a year. Members of the Trustee Board complete 'Essential Information for Trustee Board' training within the first 5 months of joining.

This Trustee Board exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required; and
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control

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

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions, lettings 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 14.5 years. 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.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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 co-operate 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.

Activities

Following the pandemic recovery, we are pleased to confirm that Great Amwell is now back, with a full programme and once again beginning to flourish. We are fortunate to have an experienced and enthusiastic leadership team to continue to make Scouting possible, who look forward to introducing a variety of activities into our programme over the next year.

Our sections have taken part in many district events such as the Beaver Tug-of-War, Easter Egg Hunt and most recently the Skills Day. Cubs have had teams entered into the Oxley Shield, Scout Swimming Gala and most recently the District Go-kart competition. Scouts have taken part in Nocturnal and the Cooking Competition, with this last event seeing us come runners-up at County.

Our Group Scout Leader, Gail Stretch, comments further:

“Last September I was invited to WaGAwood, a Beaver camp between Great Amwell and 3rd Ware, and it was great to see so many young people enjoying the outdoors. I am now looking forward to our first District-run Camp that takes place in a couple of weeks.

Last year, you may remember me mentioning a new section that has been introduced. They are called Squirrels and provide activities for young people aged 4–6 years. Stanstead Abbots have opened a Drey and 2nd Ware are also looking to open one. We would very much like to start this adventure at Great Amwell but need to have a leader team in place to make this happen.”

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.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Great Amwell is a very fortunate Scout Group and over the last term we have been connected to the mains sewage, so the building is now self-sufficient. The next big project is to build an outside covered space, to enable the sections to run activities all year round no matter what the weather. We are also making enquiries to update the kitchen area and look at replacing the fence and gate leading into the woods.

This year has seen the Group spend a lot of its funds on upgrading the cess pit to the mains sewerage. We are still financially healthy, but are busy raising the funds to make the next projects happen. This is done by the Group's involvement in a number of set fundraising activities; such as marshalling at the Ware Rotary Fireworks Display in November and we hope to run a BBQ at Ware Week in July. Both of these events are also great opportunities for us to raise the profile of the Group, help our community as well as to raise funds.

Unfortunately, over the last year we have seen some of our Leaders retire. They will be very much missed but we thank them for their commitment, hard work and time they have given to the Group, in some cases over decades. We will now be starting a recruitment campaign as we do have vacancies within our leadership teams.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year, the Group generated a deficit on general funds and activities of £20,699.33, due primarily to the capital project involving connection to the main sewerage system. As at 31st January 2023, the Group had cash of £66,848.36 in general funds and designated reserves of £8,000.00 have been put aside as contribution to our planned outside covered space. Since the end of the accounting period, final payments of almost £32,000 have been made on the sewerage connection project, which will further reduce our reserves.

The Group has identified the major risks to which it is exposed and follows the policies and rules of the Scout Association to deal with them.

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 Trustee Board considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to at least 12 months running costs, which currently equates to around £30,000 in reserves. Given our position at the end of the accounting period and taking into account final payments on the major sewerage connection project and provisions made for the expenditure on the outside covered area, our reserves remain more than adequate.

It is worth noting that only a couple of years ago reserves were at a very high level, but this has been planned in order to commit to major capital projects as we continue to invest in and preserve the Group's headquarters

Investment Policy

The Group's Income and Expenditure is relatively modest and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments, such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore 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 the interest rates received to ensure the Group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn; before doing so the Trustee Board reviews its cash flow requirements going forward.

DECLARATION

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

A Verdin

Andrew Verdin
Chair

Date: 20th February 2023

C Prince

Christine Prince
Group Treasurer

Date: 20th February 2023

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE 1ST GREAT AMWELL SCOUT GROUP**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st January 2023, which are set out in pages 8 to 10.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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10th May 2023

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RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
<u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>
	Subscriptions			Subscriptions	
9,369.68	Subscriptions	10,517.00	3,640.00	To County & HQ	4,524.00
-	Income Tax Recovered	-			
	Activities			Activities	
797.50	Camps & Activities	5,826.93	582.55	Badges & Uniform	461.46
			690.00	Training	108.21
			1,134.45	Materials	1,327.21
			1,079.69	Equipment	531.89
			495.00	Camps, Trips etc.	6,258.86
	Donations		7,621.69		
1,250.00	Donations and contributions	1,200.00			13,211.63
	Grants			Capital/Designated Expenditure	
18,240.93	Grants	11,226.00	3,304.80	Building Programme	43,701.84
	Fundraising			Administration	
-	Ware week	700.00	1,581.90	General Expenses	1,083.66
750.00	Fireworks	750.00	1,581.90		1,083.66
-	Other Fundraising	54.75			
750.00		1,504.75		Premises	
	Premises			Insurance	1,658.27
22,547.30	Lettings	22,492.80	2,036.23	Grounds	1,358.00
			1,150.00	Repairs/Maintenance	1,105.35
			3,274.75	Cleaning	4,138.82
			4,070.89	Electricity	3,109.94
			2,218.74	Gas	361.00
			168.18	Sewerage	2,304.00
	Investment Income Etc.		2,160.00	Water Rates	1,452.52
6.04	Bank Interest	18.22	44.98		
			15,123.77		
					15,487.90
			27,632.16		73,485.03
			25,329.29	(Deficit)/Surplus for year	(20,699.33)
<u>£ 52,961.45</u>		<u>£ 52,785.70</u>	<u>£ 52,961.45</u>		<u>£ 52,785.70</u>

1st Great Amwell Scout Group (Registered Charity No 267345)

Balance sheet as at 31st January 2023

<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
307,189.15 Brought Forward	332,518.44		
25,329.29 (Deficit)/Surplus for year	(20,699.33)		
		<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	
		1.00 Land	1.00
		236,969.75 Building - brought forward	236,969.75
		- additions	-
		236,970.75	236,969.75
		<u>CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND</u>	
		94,891.95 Barclays Group - unrestricted	66,217.59
		- Barclays Group - restricted	8,000.00
		565.21 NatWest Scouts	565.25
		- Cash Cubs (Leopards)	
		90.53 Cash Cubs (Otters)	65.52
		- Cash Beavers (Bears)	-
		- Cash Beavers (Wolves)	-
		95,547.69	74,848.36
<u>£ 332,518.44</u>	<u>£ 311,819.11</u>	<u>£ 332,518.44</u>	<u>£ 311,819.11</u>

1st Great Amwell Scout Group (Registered Charity No 267345)
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31st January 2023

Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	TOTAL		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	TOTAL
2022	2022	2022		2023	2023	2023
			INCOME & EXPENDITURE			
			Incoming Resources			
9,369.68		9,369.68	Membership Subscriptions	10,517.00		10,517.00
797.50		797.50	Activities	5,826.93		5,826.93
1,250.00		1,250.00	Donations	1,200.00		1,200.00
18,240.93		18,240.93	Grants	3,226.00	8,000.00	11,226.00
22,547.30		22,547.30	Premises	22,492.80		22,492.80
750.00		750.00	Fundraising	1,504.75		1,504.75
-		-	Income Tax Recovered	-		-
6.04		6.04	Bank Interest & Investment Income	18.22		18.22
<u>52,961.45</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,961.45</u>	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>44,785.70</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>52,785.70</u>
			RESOURCES USED			
			Direct Charitable Expenditure			
7,621.69		7,621.69	Members Activities & Services provided	13,211.63		13,211.63
1,581.90		1,581.90	Administration	1,083.66		1,083.66
18,428.57		18,428.57	Premises	59,189.74		59,189.74
<u>27,632.16</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,632.16</u>	TOTAL RESOURCES USED	<u>73,485.03</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,485.03</u>
25,329.29		25,329.29	NET RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS	(28,699.33)	8,000.00	(20,699.33)
-		-	Other recognised Gains & Losses			
-		-	Revaluation of Property	-		-
25,329.29		25,329.29	Surplus on sale of Investments	-		-
<u>307,189.15</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>307,189.15</u>	NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	<u>(28,699.33)</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>(20,699.33)</u>
332,518.44		£ 332,518.44	Balance Brought Forward	332,518.44	-	332,518.44
<u>332,518.44</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£ 332,518.44</u>	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	<u>303,819.11</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>£ 311,819.11</u>
Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	
236,970.75		236,970.75	FIXED ASSETS			
-		-	Tangible Fixed Assets	236,970.75		236,970.75
236,970.75		236,970.75	Investments	-		-
<u>236,970.75</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>236,970.75</u>	CURRENT ASSETS	<u>236,970.75</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>236,970.75</u>
-		-	Payment in advance			
95,457.16		95,457.16	Debtors	-		-
90.53		90.53	Bank & Building Society	66,782.84	8,000.00	74,782.84
95,547.69		95,547.69	Cash	65.52		65.52
<u>95,547.69</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,547.69</u>		<u>66,848.36</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>74,848.36</u>
-		-	CURRENT LIABILITIES			
95,547.69		95,547.69	Creditors (amount falling due within 1 year)	-		-
<u>332,518.44</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>332,518.44</u>	NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>66,848.36</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>74,848.36</u>
-		-	TOTAL ASSETS less CURRENT LIABILITIES	303,819.11	8,000.00	311,819.11
332,518.44		£ 332,518.44	Creditors (amounts falling due after more than 1 year)	-		-
<u>332,518.44</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£ 332,518.44</u>	NET ASSETS	<u>303,819.11</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>£ 311,819.11</u>

Approved on behalf of the Executive Committee on
20th February 2023 and
signed on their authority

G Stretch

Gail Stretch
Group Scout Leader

A Verdin

Andrew Verdin
Chairman

C Prince

Christine Prince
Group Treasurer

GREAT AMWELL SCOUT GROUP (TL/2357)

England & Wales - Charity number 267345

Accounts

1ST GREAT AMWELL SCOUT GROUP

ACCOUNTS and REPORT

2021-2022

Year ended 31 January 2022

1ST GREAT AMWELL SCOUT GROUP

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Andy Verdin	Chairman
Gail Stretch	Group Scout Leader
Julie Greaves	Assistant Group Scout Leader
Christine Prince	Group Treasurer
Christina Coates	Secretary
Richard Clayden	Scout Leader
Robert Price	Cub Leader
Michelle Lang	Cub Leader
Sonia Cousins	Beaver Leader
Wendy Devonshire-Helps	Beaver Leader
Gail Stretch	Subscriptions & Lettings Secretary
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Group Registration Number with Scout Association	35362
Charity Registration Number	267345
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1st Great Amwell Scout Group

This last year has been easier than the previous, with the return to 'indoor' scouting.

I must start off with thanking the entire leadership team for continuing to make Scouting possible – we are looking forward to introducing a variety of activities into our programme over the next year and it is great to see our Group Camp resume.

Great Amwell is a very fortunate Scout Group and we have now been successful with planning permission and a grant to build an outside covered space, to enable the sections to run activities all year round no matter what the weather. We are also pressing ahead with moving from an outdated cess pit arrangement to mains sewerage connection, to make the building totally self-sufficient.

In the coming year we are planning on replacing the fence and gate leading into the woods.

This year we have extended the Archery training to a few more Leaders so that this can be added to the sections programme on a regular basis. The Scouts are returning to Essa Activities Centre on a regular basis and their first mini-camp of the year saw a 75% attendance. Our two Cub packs are starting to take part in District activities again, such as the go-karts and one of our Leaders has started to volunteer with East Herts Miniature Railway which has proved a great relationship for our sections. Beavers are beginning to grow again in numbers, both colonies have now run a 'bring a friend' night which has seen an influx of new starters. Lastly you may have heard of a new section that has been introduced this year, they are called Squirrels. Squirrels are young people aged 4–6 years and we are looking to open up a Drey (a squirrels' nest) in September but this will all be dependent on a leader team.

We are very fortunate that our funds remain healthy and the pay-out for bills and upkeep is covered by our income. Our funds are also kept healthy by the group's involvement in a number of set fundraising activities; although these have not been possible due to COVID we did see the return of marshalling at the Ware Rotary Fireworks Display in November and we hope to run a BBQ at the Ware Carnival in July. Both of these events are great opportunities for us to raise the profile of the group, help our community and also to raise funds.

During the year we had an operating surplus on general funds and activities of £25,329.29. At 31st January 2022 we had cash of £95,547.69 in general funds and no designated reserves. Whilst this is of course a very healthy position, the investments in an outdoor activity area and connection to the mains sewerage are significant.

The Group has identified the major risks to which it is exposed and follows the policies and rules of the Scout Association to deal with them.

Unfortunately, over the last year we have seen some of our Leaders retire. They will be very much missed but I thank them for their commitment, hard work and time they have given to the Group, in some cases over decades.

We will now be starting a recruitment campaign as we do have vacancies within our leadership teams.

Thank you to all the Leaders and Executive Team at Great Amwell for helping to make the Group a success – long may it continue!

Gail Stretch
Group Scout Leader

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 1st Great Amwell Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st January 2022, which are set out in pages 4 to 6.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

C McGovern

27th May 2022

Miss C McGovern
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1st Great Amwell Scout Group
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31st January 2022

Unrestricted Fund 2021	TOTAL		Unrestricted Fund 2022	TOTAL
		INCOME & EXPENDITURE		
		Incoming Resources		
8,257.94		Membership Subscriptions	9,369.68	
658.53		Activities	797.50	
1,000.00		Donations	1,250.00	
11,166.00		Grants	18,240.93	
19,093.40		Premises	22,547.30	
-		Fundraising	750.00	
-		Income Tax Recovered	-	
32.92		Bank Interest & Investment Income	6.04	
<u>40,208.79</u>	<u>40,208.79</u>	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>52,961.45</u>	<u>52,961.45</u>
		RESOURCES USED		
		Direct Charitable Expenditure		
8,459.63		Members Activities & Services provided	7,621.69	
936.67		Administration	1,581.90	
17,253.70		Premises	18,428.57	
<u>26,650.00</u>	<u>26,650.00</u>	TOTAL RESOURCES USED	<u>27,632.16</u>	<u>27,632.16</u>
13,558.79	13,558.79	NET RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS	25,329.29	25,329.29
-		Other recognised Gains & Losses		
-		Revaluation of Property	-	
13,558.79	13,558.79	Surplus on sale of Investments	-	
		NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	<u>25,329.29</u>	<u>25,329.29</u>
293,630.36	293,630.36	Balance Brought Forward	307,189.15	307,189.15
<u>307,189.15</u>	<u>£ 307,189.15</u>	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	<u>332,518.44</u>	<u>£ 332,518.44</u>
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>		FIXED ASSETS	Unrestricted Funds	
236,970.75		Tangible Fixed Assets	236,970.75	
-		Investments	-	
<u>236,970.75</u>	<u>236,970.75</u>	CURRENT ASSETS	<u>236,970.75</u>	<u>236,970.75</u>
		Payment in advance		
-		Debtors	-	
70,138.99		Bank & Building Society	95,457.16	
79.41		Cash	90.53	
<u>70,218.40</u>	<u>70,218.40</u>	CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>95,547.69</u>	<u>95,547.69</u>
		Creditors (amount falling due within 1 year)	-	
-		NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>95,547.69</u>	<u>95,547.69</u>
<u>70,218.40</u>	<u>70,218.40</u>	TOTAL ASSETS less CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>332,518.44</u>	<u>332,518.44</u>
307,189.15	307,189.15	Creditors (amounts falling due after more than 1 year)	-	
<u>307,189.15</u>	<u>£ 307,189.15</u>	NET ASSETS	<u>332,518.44</u>	<u>£ 332,518.44</u>

Approved on behalf of the Executive Committee on
25th April 2022 and
signed on their authority

G Stretch

Gail Stretch
Group Scout Leader

C Prince

Christine Prince
Group Treasurer

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This last year has turned into a very different way of Scouting, I must start off with thanking the entire leadership team for continuing to make Scouting possible even in a very different format for our members. There have been many new challenges to overcome such as social distancing, masks and sanitising all equipment. Whilst in lockdown all sections have been running a varied programme on zoom assisting our members in achieving their Bronze, Silver and Gold Chief Scout Awards.

Great Amwell is a very fortunate group as we do have the space to run a socially distanced outdoor programme. Although having tried to make toothbrush robots in the driving rain under gazebos did prove interesting. This has led onto the executive undertaking a new project looking at extending the building with an outside covered space to enable the sections to run activities all year round no matter what the weather.

Over the next year we are going to develop the site further with a new fence and gate leading into the woods and a log store, as well as join mains sewage, these projects will be in excess of £60,000. The group are also trialling a recycling scheme with the council, ensuring we are doing our bit for the environment.

Hopefully from September we will start to see Scouting get back to some form of normality over the next year. The group are keen to start introducing new ideas and hopefully if allowed we will start to introduce group activities each term to assist with the transitions between sections, as well as holding our annual group camp.

We are very fortunate that our funds remain healthy and the pay-out for bills and upkeep is covered by our income. Our funds are also kept healthy by the group's involvement in a number of set fundraising activities, although these have not been possible due to COVID we hope to see a resurrection in 2022 of marshalling the fireworks display and running the BBQ at Ware Carnival. Both of these events are great opportunities for us to raise the profile of the group, help our community and also to raise funds.

During the year we had an operating surplus on general funds and activities of £13,558.79. At 31st January 2021 we had cash of £70,218.40 in general funds and no designated reserves.

The Group has identified the major risks to which it is exposed and follows the policies and rules of the Scout Association to deal with them.

Unfortunately over the last year we have seen some of our leaders retire and they will be very much missed but I thank them for their commitment, hardwork and time they have given with the group.

We will now be starting a recruitment campaign as we do have vacancies within our leader team.

I would like to thank our group executive for their dedication through the year, Julie Greaves for her ongoing support and our fantastic leadership team as, without them, the Great Amwell group would not be the success that it is.

Gail Stretch
Group Scout Leader

1st Great Amwell Scout Group

Balance sheet as at 31st January 2021

<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
290,830.12 Brought Forward	293,630.36		
2,800.24 (Deficit)/Surplus for year	13,558.79		
		<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	
		1.00 Land	1.00
		236,969.75 Building - brought forward	236,969.75
		- additions	<u>-</u>
		<u>236,970.75</u>	236,969.75
		<u>CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND</u>	
		55,814.75 Barclays Group	69,715.29
		676.45 NatWest Scouts	423.70
		(48.92) Cash Cubs (Leopards)	
		217.33 Cash Cubs (Otters)	79.41
		- Cash Beavers (Bears)	-
		- Cash Beavers (Wolves)	-
		<u>56,659.61</u>	70,218.40
		<u>DEBTORS</u>	
		- Inland Revenue-tax	-
<u>£ 293,630.36</u>	<u>£ 307,189.15</u>	<u>£ 293,630.36</u>	<u>£ 307,189.15</u>

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Unrestricted Fund 2020	TOTAL	INCOME & EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted Fund 2021	TOTAL
		Incoming Resources		
12,981.25		Membership Subscriptions	8,257.94	
2,220.00		Activities	658.53	
2,213.06		Donations	1,000.00	
-		Grants	11,166.00	
21,739.50		Premises	19,093.40	
1,228.25		Fundraising	-	
-		Income Tax Recovered	-	
91.35		Bank Interest & Investment Income	32.92	
<u>40,473.41</u>	<u>40,473.41</u>	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>40,208.79</u>	<u>40,208.79</u>
		RESOURCES USED		
		Direct Charitable Expenditure		
23,044.09		Members Activities & Services provided	8,459.63	
1,130.98		Administration	936.67	
13,498.10		Premises	17,253.70	
<u>37,673.17</u>	<u>37,673.17</u>	TOTAL RESOURCES USED	<u>26,650.00</u>	<u>26,650.00</u>
2,800.24	2,800.24	NET RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS	13,558.79	13,558.79
-		Other recognised Gains & Losses		
-		Revaluation of Property	-	
2,800.24	2,800.24	Surplus on sale of Investments	-	
<u>2,800.24</u>	<u>2,800.24</u>	NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	<u>13,558.79</u>	<u>13,558.79</u>
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-		Tangible Fixed Assets	236,970.75	
236,970.75	236,970.75	Investments	-	
<u>236,970.75</u>	<u>236,970.75</u>	TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	<u>236,970.75</u>	<u>236,970.75</u>
		CURRENT ASSETS		
-		Payment in advance		
56,491.20		Debtors	-	
168.41		Bank & Building Society	70,138.99	
56,659.61	56,659.61	Cash	79.41	
<u>56,659.61</u>	<u>56,659.61</u>	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>70,218.40</u>	<u>70,218.40</u>
		CURRENT LIABILITIES		
-		Creditors (amount falling due within 1 year)	-	
56,659.61	56,659.61	NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>70,218.40</u>	<u>70,218.40</u>
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<u>293,630.36</u>	<u>£ 293,630.36</u>	NET ASSETS	<u>307,189.15</u>	<u>£ 307,189.15</u>

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17th May 2021 and
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11th June 2021

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