

1ST GREAT AMWELL SCOUT GROUP

ACCOUNTS and REPORT

2021-2022

Year ended 31 January 2022

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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
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc
Group Registration Number with Scout Association	35362
Charity Registration Number	267345
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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 We are also pressing ahead with moving from an outdated cess pit arrangement to mains sewerage connection, to make the building totally self-sufficient.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

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PAYMENTS

Balance sheet as at 31st January 2022

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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>		<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>		
236,970.75		FIXED ASSETS		
-		Tangible Fixed Assets	236,970.75	
236,970.75	236,970.75	Investments	-	
		CURRENT ASSETS	<u>236,970.75</u>	<u>236,970.75</u>
-		Payment in advance		
70,138.99		Debtors	-	
79.41		Bank & Building Society	95,457.16	
70,218.40	70,218.40	Cash	90.53	
			<u>95,547.69</u>	<u>95,547.69</u>
-		CURRENT LIABILITIES		
70,218.40	70,218.40	Creditors (amount falling due within 1 year)	-	
		NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>95,547.69</u>	<u>95,547.69</u>
307,189.15	307,189.15	TOTAL ASSETS less CURRENT LIABILITIES	332,518.44	332,518.44
		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