5TH AMPTHILL AND WOBURN (THRIFTVALE) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 268119

Details

Other names	5TH AMPTHILL AND WOBURN (CRANFIELD) SCOUT GROUP, 5TH AMPTHILL AND WOBURN SCOUT GROUP, CRANFIELD SCOUT GROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1974-09-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE INSTRUCTION OF BOYS OF ALL CLASSES IN THE PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLINE, LOYALTY AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

Activities: Scouting Group Activities - Beavers, Cubs and Scouts (ages 6 to 14)

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Bedford
- Central Bedfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£15,095	£32,588	-	-
2023-12-31	£36,707	£18,754	-	-
2022-12-31	£25,840	£18,856	-	-
2021-12-31	£40,816	£33,330	-	-
2020-12-31	£34,018	£14,197	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Amanda Clawson		2022-07-13
David Cotton		2024-11-06
Dominic Mason		2026-02-23
Harriet Tynan		2025-07-10
Hayley Reardon		2021-09-01
Jennifer Patricia Worthington		2020-05-01
Sarah Rosalind Gemmel		2022-01-04
Timothy Chick		2020-05-01

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Thriftvale Scout Group Trustees' Annual Report

For the period 01/01/2 – 31/12/23

Section A – Reference and administration details

Charity Name: 5th Ampthill & Woburn (Thriftvale) Scout Group

Registered Charity Number:
268119

Charity's principal address:
Cranfield Scout Hut, Merchant Lane, Cranfield, MK430DA

Names of the charity trustees who managed the charity during the year:

Trustee Name	Office (if any)
Vacant	Chairman
Amanda Clawson	Treasurer
Hayley Reardon	Secretary
Sharon Davis	Cub Leader
Sarah Gemmell	Cub Leader
Georgia Gritton	Cub Leader
Heather Hill	
Carol Reardon	
Russell Mackinnon	
Tim Chick	Beaver Leader
Jenny Worthington	Beaver Leader

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Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)

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

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees, they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

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The Group Executive Committee exists to support the Leaders 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;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.
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Subscriptions are charged for membership to cover immediate running costs of the Group and these do not unduly restrict membership. The Group follows the principle that no one should be excluded because of their inability to pay membership subscriptions. Two key principles demonstrating that Scouting's aims are for the public benefit are that through the Scout method young people develop towards their full potential and that there is a clear link between the benefits for young people and the purpose of Scouting. The safety of young people is taken very seriously and the benefits Scouting activities provide far outweigh the risks. Any private benefits from Scouting are incidental, other than to those as a beneficiary.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Thriftvale Scout Group aims to achieve these objectives by providing an enjoyable and attractive programme. We run Cubs on Mondays and Wednesdays, Beavers on Mondays and Thursdays, and Scouts on Thursdays.

Section D – Achievements and performance

<u>Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year.</u>

We are still running at capacity in our Beaver, Cub and Scout groups with waiting lists in place too. We do not have an explorers group at Thriftvale at present.

All of our groups have made the most of the dry, warm weather this summer and lots of our sessions have taken place outdoors.

Below is a summary of the activities each section did in 2023

Nebular Scouts - Did a camp in June 2023 at Leslie Sell Activity Centre, Bromham including a 6 mile hike, attended a water activities day at Stewartby Water Sports Club, including sailing, kayaking & paddle boats in September 2023 and during their weekly meetings did shelter building & outdoor cooking

Badges Awarded: 11 Challenge Badges

Apollo Cubs - Attended a joint camp with Saturn Cubs July 2023, cooking on alter fires at Milton Bryan, trampolining and visited a farm

Badges Awarded: Total 97, including 18 Challenge Badges

Saturn Cubs - Attended a joint camp with Apollo Cubs July 2023, did den building, wall climbing, visited a local care home and also backwoods cooking

Badges Awarded: Total 404, including 7 Chief Scout's Silver & 73 Challenge Badges and a Level 10 Hike badge

Galaxy Beavers - Supported the charity Heart of Marston with beavers running various stalls to raise money, some of the beavers attended the annual Activity day at Luton Hoo organised by the Luton sea scouts, attended an indoor sleepover, wall climbing, did a local litter pick and also visited a fire station.

Badges Awarded: Total 163, including 11 Chief Scout's Bronze & 71 Challenge Badges

Jupiter Beavers - Made bird feeders, den building, caving in a purposely built environment, community litter pick and trampolining

Badges Awarded: Unavailable at this time

Plans for future activity include continuing to try and recruit more volunteers to join the committee and to look for some new leaders/assistant leaders.

Section E – Financial review
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy
The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group held reserves of approximately £20,00 at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However, the Group is dependent on these sources of income to meet both annual costs, and capital expenditure, including the costs of maintaining the premises. The Group Executive Committee has therefore agreed that funds surplus to the day-to-day requirements of the Group should be designated as a Fund to cover any major repairs and planned maintenance and to cover the costs of running the Group should there be substantial reduction of income.

Quantify and explain any designations

In 2023, total receipts were £36,707 and payments totalled £18,754 (£38,997 brought forward from 2022). The closing balance of the bank account(s) as of December 2023 was £56,950.

The closing balance is due to grants received during 2023 (see below) . These restricted funds will be used for further improvements to the Marston hut

- £7,000 received from Bedfordshire & Luton Community Foundation for refurbishment of the toilets at the Marston hut
- £2791.42 from Co-op Community Fund to build a firepit and seating area

The amount of £8,000 has also been set aside from group funds as additional funding required for the refurbishment of the toilets at the Marston hut.

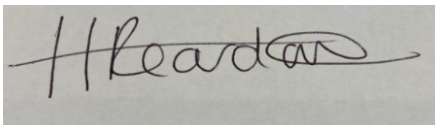
The Groups reserve fund £20,000 and the estimated funds required to cover hut insurance, capitation (membership fees), utilities and monthly maintenance (grass cutting, cleaning etc.) and running of the weekly sessions is estimated at £19,320 for the coming financial year 2024 leaving available funds of £7,839.

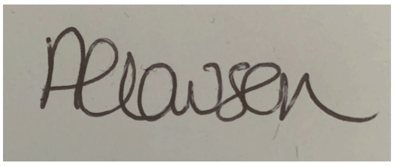
Investment Policy
The Group has adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks.

Section F – Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees





Hayley Reardon
Secretary

Amanda Clawson
Treasurer

Date 15th August 2024

5th Ampthill and Woburn (Thriftvale) Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account Summary for year ending 31st December 2023

	This Year Unrestricted 31.12.23	This Year Restricted 31.12.23	This Year Unrestricted & Total Fund 31.12.23	Last Year Unrestricted & Total Fund 31.12.22
Total Receipts for the year	23916	12791	36707	25840
Total payments for the year	15754	3000	18754	18856
Net Receipts for the year	8162	9791	17953	6984
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	38997	0	38997	32013
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	47159	9791	56950	38997

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Receipts for the year ended 31st December 2023

	This Year Unrestricted 31.12.23 £	This Year Restricted 31.12.23 £	This Year Unrestricted & Total Fund 31.12.23 £	Last Year Unrestricted & Total Fund 31.12.22 £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS				
Received	18378	0	18378	17813
Less Paid	-3948	0	-3948	-3870
	14430	**0**	**14430**	**13943**
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED				
Hall Hire	2675	0	2675	0
Bank interest received	82	0	82	13
The Scout Assoc'n Short Term Investment Service	0	0	0	-154
	2757	**0**	**2757**	**-141**
DONATIONS/GRANTS				
Local Council	797	12791	13588	0
Others	0	0	0	1800
	797	**12791**	**13588**	**1800**
ACTIVITIES	0	0	0	0
Camps / Sleepovers	1510	0	1510	2977
	1510	**0**	**1510**	**2977**
FUND RAISING(gross)				
Group Fundraising	0	0	0	361
Amazon Smile	9	0	9	44
	9	**0**	**9**	**405**
OTHER INCOME				
Income Tax recovered-				
on subscriptions and donations	3933	0	3933	6856
	3933	**0**	**3933**	**6856**
SUNDRY RECEIPTS				
Uniform Sale	0	0	0	0
District	480	0	480	0
	480	**0**	**480**	**0**
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**23916**	**12791**	**36707**	**25840**

5TH AMPTHILL & WOBURN (THRIFTVALE) SCOUT GROUP

Expenses for the year ended 31st December 2023

	This Year Unrestricted 31.12.23 £	This Year Restricted 31.12.23	This Year Unrestricted & Total Fund 31.12.23	Last Year Unrestricted & Total Fund **31.12.22** **£**
PREMISES				
Rent	720	0	720	0
Insurance	2401	0	2401	2013
Heat & light	1688	0	1688	3499
Water	635	0	635	598
Repairs & Renewals	44	0	44	894
Maintenance - Toilet Block	0	3000	3000	0
Cleaner	840	0	840	420
Bins	992	0	992	1215
	7320	**3000**	**10320**	**8639**
DONATIONS AND GRANTS				
Grant Paid	500	0	500	0
	500	0	500	0
ACTIVITIES				
Camps/ Sleepovers	1470	0	1470	3005
Section Floats	2540	0	2540	2822
Sports Equipment	287	0	287	0
	4297	**0**	**4297**	**5827**
FUND RAISING EXPENSES				
Group Fundraiser / AGM	0	0	0	19
	0	**0**	**0**	**19**
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES				
OSM	72	0	72	95
Website Maintenance	180	0	180	180
Domain	0	0	0	0
Go Cardless Fees	765	0	765	607
	1017	**0**	**1017**	**882**
AGM	0	0	0	0
Training	0	0	0	0
Post & Stationery	2	0	2	0
Capital Equipment	0	0	0	0
	2	**0**	**2**	**0**
TRUSTEE EXPENSES				
Audit & Accounts	0		0	0
Health & Safety	0		0	0
	0	**0**	**0**	**0**
OTHER EXPENSES				
Purchase of Badges & Uniform	903	0	903	1097
Group Supplies	1408	0	1408	2333
Misc	307	0	307	59
	2618	**0**	**2618**	**3489**
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**15754**	**3000**	**18754**	**18856**

5TH AMPTHILL & WOBURN (THRIFTVALE) SCOUT GROUP

Assets & Liabilities for the year ended 31st December 2023

	This Year Unrestricted & Total Fund 31.12.23 £	Last Year Unrestricted & Total Fund 31.12.22 £
MONETARY ASSETS		
Bank Current Accounts	56950	29131
Bank Deposit Account	0	10013
Scout Association short term investment service	0	0
cash/cheques in hand	0	0
	56950	39144
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Tax claimed for year ending	0	0
Debts due from Group/District	0	0
	0	0
INVESTMENT ASSETS		
Government Stocks at market value	0	0
Other quoted securities at market value	0	0
Other investments	0	0
Property held for investment purposes	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	**56950**	**39144**
LIABILITIES those due within one year		
Accounts not yet paid		
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced	0	0
Subscriptions not yet paid	0	0
Debts owed to Group/Dist	0	147
	0	147
LIABILITIES Those payable after one year		
Loan (with details)	0	0
Hire Purchase owing	0	0
Leasing payments outstanding	0	0
Other long term liabilities	0	0
	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**0**	**147**
TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	**56950**	**38997**
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS	**NONE**	**NONE**
NON MONETARY ASSETS Assets for Charity's own use		
Badge Secretary's stock	0	0
Land buildings:use of land & buildings at Milton Bryan Campsite	0	0
Motor Vehicles Tractor used on campsite only	0	0
Scouting equipment, furniture etc....	0	0
	0	**0**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 5th Ampthill and Woburn (Thriftvale) Scout Group for the year ended 31st December 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of 5th Ampthill and Woburn (Thriftvale) Scout Group

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

N Coleman

Signed: Date 6th July 2024

Natalie Coleman FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant
24 Dew Pond Road,
Flitwick, Beds

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Thriftvale Scout Group Trustees’ Annual Report

For the period 01/01/22 – 31/12/22

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Quantify and explain any designations

In 2022, total receipts were £25,840 and payments totalled £18,856 (£32,013 brought forward from 2021). The closing balance of the bank account(s) as of December 2022 was £38,997.

The closing balance is due to the local government grant received during the pandemic. Some of this was spent in 2021 on flooring at both huts, and replacing the kitchen at Marston, some will be used for further improvements to both huts, and also some has been put aside for membership fees for next year.

Investment Policy
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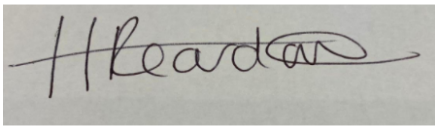
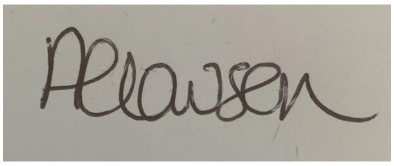
Section F – Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees





Hayley Reardon
Secretary

Amanda Clawson
Treasurer

Date 5th September 2023

5th Ampthill and Woburn (Thriftvale) Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account Summary for year ending 31st December 2022

	This Year Unrestricted 31.12.22	**This Year Restricted 31.12.22**	**This Year Unrestricted & Total Fund 31.12.22**	**Last Year Unrestricted & Total Fund 31.12.21**
Total Receipts for the year	24040	1800	25840	40816
Total payments for the year	17056	1800	18856	33330
Net Receipts for the year	6984	0	6984	7486
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	32013	0	32013	24461
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	38997	0	38997	32013

5TH AMPTHILL & WOBURN (THRIFTVALE) SCOUT GROUP

Receipts for the year ended 31st December 2022

	This Year Unrestricted 31.12.22 £	This Year Restricted 31.12.22 £	This Year Unrestricted & Total Fund 31.12.22 £	Last Year Unrestricted & Total Fund 31.12.21 £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS				
Received	17813	0	17813	8992
Less Paid	-3870	0	-3870	-2025
	13943	**0**	**13943**	**6967**
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED				
Hall Hire				
Bank interest received	13	0	13	0
The Scout Assoc'n Short Term Investment Service	-154	0	-154	0
	-141	**0**	**-141**	**0**
DONATIONS/GRANTS				
Local Council	0	0	0	33814
Others	0	1800	1800	0
	0	**1800**	**1800**	**33814**
ACTIVITIES	0	0	0	0
Camps / Sleepovers	2977	0	2977	0
	2977	**0**	**2977**	**0**
FUND RAISING(gross)				
Group Fundraising	361	0	361	0
Amazon Smile	44	0	44	35
	405	**0**	**405**	**35**
OTHER INCOME				
Income Tax recovered-				
on subscriptions and donations	6856	0	6856	0
	6856	**0**	**6856**	**0**
SUNDRY RECEIPTS				
Uniform Sale	0	0	0	0
Badge Receipts	0	0	0	0
	0	**0**	**0**	**0**
	24040	**1800**	**25840**	**40816**
TOTAL RECEIPTS				

5TH AMPTHILL & WOBURN (THRIFTVALE) SCOUT GROUP

Expenses for the year ended 31st December 2022

	This Year Unrestricte(	This Year Restricted	This Year Jnrestricted & Total Fund	Last Year Unrestricted & Total Fund
	31.12.22	31.12.22	31.12.22	**31.12.21**
	£			**£**
PREMISES				
Rent	0	0	0	
Insurance	2013	0	2013	1965
Heat & light	3499	0	3499	2597
Water	598	0	598	525
Repairs & Renewals	894	0	894	26472
Cleaner	420	0	420	0
Bins	1215	0	1215	302
	8639	**0**	**8639**	**31861**
DONATIONS AND GRANTS				
	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
ACTIVITIES				
Camps/ Sleepovers	3005	0	3005	0
Section Floats	2822		2822	1102
	5827	**0**	**5827**	**1102**
FUND RAISING EXPENSES				
Group Fundraiser / AGM	19	0	19	0
	19	**0**	**19**	**0**
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES				
OSM	95	0	95	81
Website Maintenance	180	0	180	180
Domain	0	0	0	18
Go Cardless Fees	607	0	607	0
	882	**0**	**882**	**279**
AGM	0	0	0	
Training	0	0	0	0
Post & Stationery	0	0	0	0
Capital Equipment	0	0	0	0
	0	**0**	**0**	**0**
TRUSTEE EXPENSES				
Audit & Accounts	0		0	0
Health & Safety	0		0	0
	0	**0**	**0**	**0**
OTHER EXPENSES				
Purchase of Badges & Uniform	1097	0	1097	68
Group Supplies	533	1800	2333	
Misc	59	0	59	20
	1689	**1800**	**3489**	**88**
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**17056**	**1800**	**18856**	**33330**

5TH AMPTHILL & WOBURN (THRIFTVALE) SCOUT GROUP

Assets & Liabilities for the year ended 31st December 2022

	This Year Unrestricted & Total Fund 31.12.22 £	Last Year Unrestricted & Total Fund 31.12.21 £
MONETARY ASSETS		
Bank Current Accounts	29131	31699
Bank Deposit Account	10013	0
Scout Association short term investment service	0	461
cash/cheques in hand	0	0
	39144	32160
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Tax claimed for year ending	0	0
Debts due from Group/District	0	0
	0	0
INVESTMENT ASSETS		
Government Stocks at market value	0	0
Other quoted securities at market value	0	0
Other investments	0	0
Property held for investment purposes	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	**39144**	**32160**
LIABILITIES those due within one year		
Accounts not yet paid		
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced	0	0
Subscriptions not yet paid	0	0
Debts owed to Group/Dist	147	147
	147	147
LIABILITIES Those payable after one year		
Loan (with details)	0	0
Hire Purchase owing	0	0
Leasing payments outstanding	0	0
Other long term liabilities	0	0
	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**147**	**147**
TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	**38997**	**32013**
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS	**NONE**	**NONE**
NON MONETARY ASSETS Assets for Charity's own use		
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5TH AMPTHILL AND WOBURN (THRIFTVALE) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 268119

Accounts

Thriftvale Scout Group Trustees’ Annual Report

For the period 01/01/21 – 31/12/21

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Registered Charity Number:
268119

Charity’s principal address:
Cranfield Scout Hut, Merchant Lane, Cranfield, MK430DA

Names of the charity trustees who managed the charity during the year:

Trustee Name	**Office (if any)**
Nicola Preston	Chairman (outgoing)
Helen Ranger	Secretary (outgoing)
Hayley Reardon	Secretary (incoming)
Sharon Davis	Group Scout Leader (outgoing)
Georgia Gritton	Treasurer (outgoing)
Heather Hill	
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Section D – Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year.

All of our meetings have now been back face to face in the huts. We are still running at capacity in our beaver and cub groups with waiting lists in place too. Scouts are still running on lower numbers and we do not have an explorers group at Thriftvale at present.

All of our groups have made the most of the dry, warm weather this summer and lots of our sessions have taken place outdoors. Moving into the autumn term, both of the beaver groups have sleepovers planned and the cubs are taking part in a 2 night camp.

With a couple of new members on the committee, some renewed energy has been put into recruiting more people to join us; however, we haven’t had much luck. We did manage to recruit a new scout leader, which is fantastic! We have finally found a replacement for our treasurer, who has been wanting to step down from the role for quite some time now. We were also successful in securing a couple of grants and this is an area that we would like to focus on in the coming year to try and gain some much needed funds for upgrades to both of the huts.

Plans for future activity includes continuing to try and recruit more volunteers to join the committee and to look for some new cub leaders to join the Saturn cub pack (1 leader and 1 assistant leader left at the end of the summer term).

Section E – Financial review
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy
The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group held reserves of approximately £32,000 at year end, mostly due to the local government grants received. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However, the Group is dependent on these sources of income to meet both annual costs, and capital expenditure, including the costs of maintaining the premises. The Group Executive Committee has therefore agreed that funds surplus to the day-to-day requirements of the Group should be designated as a Fund to cover any major repairs and planned maintenance and to cover the costs of running the Group should there be substantial reduction of income.

Quantify and explain any designations
In 2021, total receipts were £40,816 and payments totalled £33,330. The surplus is £32,013.

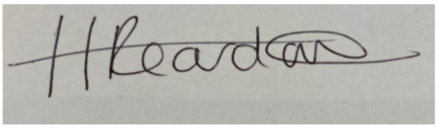
The increased surplus is due to the local government grant received during the pandemic. Some of this has now been spent on replacing the flooring at both huts, and replacing the kitchen at Marston, and some has been put aside for membership fees for next year.

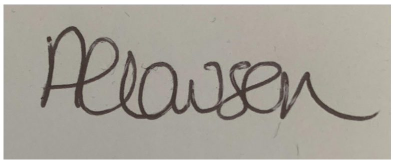
Investment Policy
The Group has adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks.

Section F – Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees





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Treasurer Secretary Treasurer (incoming 2022)

Date 5 September 2022

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5th Ampthill and Woburn (Thriftvale) Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account Summary for year ending 31st December 2021

	Unrestricted and Total Fund	
	2021	**2020**
Total Receipts for the year	40816	34018
Total payments for the year	33330	14197
Net Receipts for the year	7486	19821
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	24527	4706
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	32013	24527

5TH AMPTHILL & WOBURN (THRIFTVALE) SCOUT GROUP

Receipts for the year ended 31st December 2021

	This Year Unrestricted & Total Fund 31.12.21 £	Last Year Unrestricted & Total Fund 31.12.20 £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Received	8992	12746
Less Paid	-2025	-3303
	6967	**9443**
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Hall Hire		597
The Scout Assoc'n Short Term Investment Service		
	0	**597**
DONATIONS/GRANTS		
Local Council	33814	22830
	33814	**22830**
ACTIVITIES	0	
	0	**0**
FUND RAISING(gross)		
Amazon Smile	35	40
	35	**40**
OTHER INCOME		
Income Tax recovered-		
on subscriptions and donations	0	
on dividends and interest	0	0
	0	**0**
SUNDRY RECEIPTS		
Uniform Sale		0
Badge Receipts		0
Other		1108
	0	**1108**
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**40816**	**34018**

5TH AMPTHILL & WOBURN (THRIFTVALE) SCOUT GROUP

Expenses for the year ended 31st December 2021

	This Year Unrestricted & Total Fund 31.12.21 £	Last Year Unrestricted & Total Fund 31.12.20 £
PREMISES		
Rent		
Insurance	1965	1713
Heat & light	2597	1807
Water	525	3190
Repairs & Renewals	26472	3734
Telephone	0	0
Cleaning & Refuse	302	403
	31861	**10847**
DONATIONS AND GRANTS		
		0
	0	0
ACTIVITIES		
Camp (refunds)	0	440
Section Floats	1102	1415
	1102	**1855**
FUND RAISING EXPENSES		
Cubs Panto	0	13
	0	13
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
OSM	81	150
Website Maintenance	180	180
Domain	18	
Go Cardless Fees	0	
	279	330
AGM		
Training	0	0
Post & Stationery	0	0
Capital Equipment	0	163
	0	**163**
TRUSTEE EXPENSES		
Audit & Accounts	0	0
Health & Safety	0	0
	0	0
OTHER EXPENSES		
Purchase of Badges & Uniform	68	
Sundry Payment	0	0
Misc	20	989
	88	**989**
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**33330**	**14197**

5TH AMPTHILL & WOBURN (THRIFTVALE) SCOUT GROUP

Assets & Liabilities for the year ended 31st December 2021

	This Year Unrestricted & Total Fund 31.12.21 £	Last Year Unrestricted & Total Fund 31.12.20 £
MONETARY ASSETS		
Bank Current Accounts	31699	24413
Bank Deposit Account	0	0
Scout Association short term investment service	461	461
cash/cheques in hand	0	0
	32160	24874
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Tax claimed for year ending	0	0
Debts due from Group/District	0	0
	0	0
INVESTMENT ASSETS		
Government Stocks at market value	0	0
Other quoted securities at market value	0	0
Other investments	0	0
Property held for investment purposes	0	0
		0
TOTAL ASSETS	**32160**	**24874**
LIABILITIES those due within one year		
Accounts not yet paid		199
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced	0	0
Subscriptions not yet paid	0	0
Debts owed to Group/Dist	147	147
	147	413
LIABILITIES Those payable after one year		
Loan (with details)	0	0
Hire Purchase owing	0	0
Leasing payments outstanding	0	0
Other long term liabilities	0	0
	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**147**	**413**
TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	**32013**	**24461**
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS	**NONE**	**NONE**
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Section D – Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We kept going! The Group has maintained a full and varied programme of activities during 2020 across most of its sections, utilising technology such as Zoom and providing materials ‘packs’ to complete activities and badges at home. Both Beavers and Cubs run at capacity with pressure on places. Scouts are running at a lower intake. We do not have explorers at Thriftvale at present.

The Group has, in the past, sought to encourage wider participation in its activities, ranging from parents sitting on the Committee, to participation in outside activities within the local community and hiring the hall to those outside scouting. This again has been stilted during the pandemic but we hope to continue with this once restrictions ease.

Plans for future activities depend crucially on leaders and helpers coming forward to maintain and ideally expand the activities the Group can offer, both as Section leaders and committee members. A third Beaver Colony is necessary to deal with numbers on waiting lists, but leaders are not at present available. Progress was made in this area, to the point where a 3rd colony was due to open, but unfortunately the pandemic hit just at the wrong time and the enthusiasm / commitment of the newly recruited leaders has waned. Further recruitment during the pandemic has been very difficult / impossible but we will try again once things are (hopefully!) a bit more ‘normal’.

Section E – Financial review

Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group held reserves of approximately £24,500 at year end, mostly due to the local government grants received. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However, the Group is dependent on these sources of income to meet both annual costs, and capital expenditure, including the costs of maintaining the premises. The Group Executive Committee has therefore agreed that funds surplus to the day-to-day requirements of the Group should be designated as a Fund to cover any major repairs and planned maintenance and to cover the costs of running the Group should there be substantial reduction of income.

Quantify and explain any designations

In 2020, total receipts were £34,018 and payments totalled £14,197. The surplus is £24,527.

The increased surplus is due to the local government grants received during the pandemic. Some of this is already allocated for replacing the flooring at both huts, and replacing the kitchen at Marston, and some will be put aside for membership fees for next year.

Investment Policy

The Group has adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks.

Section F – Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Georgia Gritton
Treasurer

Hayley Reardon
Secretary (incoming 2021)

Date 30 October 2021

5th Ampthill and Woburn (Thriftvale) Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account Summary for year ending 31st December 2020

	Unrestricted and Total Fu	
	2020	**2019**
Total Receipts for the year	34018	21744
Total payments for the year	14197	24552
Net Receipts for the year	19821	-2809
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	4706	7515
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	24527	4706

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Receipts for the year ended 31st December 2020

	This Year Unrestricted & Total Fund	Last Year Unrestricted & Total Fund
	£	£
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Received	12746	13275
Less Paid	-3303	-2542
	9443	**10733**
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Hall Hire	597	5005
The Scout Assoc'n Short Term Investment Service		0
	597	**5005**
DONATIONS/GRANTS		
Local Council	22830	300
	22830	**300**
ACTIVITIES	0	0
	0	**0**
FUND RAISING(gross)		1166
Amazon Smile	40	
	40	**1166**
OTHER INCOME		
Income Tax recovered-		
on subscriptions and donations	0	4540
on dividends and interest	0	0
	0	**4540**
SUNDRY RECEIPTS		
Uniform Sale		0
Badge Receipts		0
Other	1108	0
	1108	**0**
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**34018**	**21744**

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Expenses for the year ended 31st December 2020

	This Year Unrestricted & Total Fund £	Last Year Unrestricted & Total Fund £
PREMISES		
Rent		90
Insurance	1713	1891
Heat & light	1807	4768
Water	3190	1916
Repairs & Renewals	3734	10332
Telephone	0	0
Cleaning & Refuse	403	1685
	10847	**20681**
DONATIONS AND GRANTS		
	0	0
	0	0
ACTIVITIES		2656
Camp (refunds)	440	
Section Floats	1415	
	1855	**2656**
FUND RAISING EXPENSES		
Cubs Panto	13	
	13	0
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
OSM	150	
Website Maintenance	180	
	330	0
AGM		

Training	0	0
Post & Stationery	0	0
Capital Equipment	163	618
	163	**618**
TRUSTEE EXPENSES		
Audit & Accounts		0
Health & Safety		0
	0	0
OTHER EXPENSES		
Purchase of Badges & Uniform		597
Sundry Payment		0
Misc	989	
	989	**597**
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**14197**	**24552**

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Assets & Liabilities for the year ended 31st December 2020

	This Year Unrestricted & Total Fund £	Last Year Unrestricted & Total Fund £
MONETARY ASSETS		
Bank Current Accounts	24413	4658
Bank Deposit Account	0	0
Scout Association short term investment service	461	461
cash/cheques in hand	0	0
	24873	5119
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Tax claimed for year ending	0	0
Debts due from Group/District	0	0
	0	0
INVESTMENT ASSETS		
Government Stocks at market value	0	0
Other quoted securities at market value	0	0
Other investments	0	0
Property held for investment purposes	0	0
		0
TOTAL ASSETS	**24873**	**5119**
LIABILITIES those due within one year		
Accounts not yet paid	199	265
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced	0	0

Subscriptions not yet paid	0	0
Debts owed to Group/Dist	147	147
	346	413
LIABILITIES Those payable after one year		
Loan (with details)	0	0
Hire Purchase owing	0	0
Leasing payments outstanding	0	0
Other long term liabilities	0	0
	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**346**	**413**
TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	**24527**	**4706**
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS	**NONE**	**NONE**
NON MONETARY ASSETS Assets for Charity's own use		
Badge Secretary's stock	0	0
Land buildings:use of land & buildings at Milton Bryan Can	0	0
Motor Vehicles Tractor used on campsite only	0	0
Scouting equipment, furniture etc....	0	0
	0	**0**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 5th Ampthill and Woburn (Thriftvale) Scout group for the year ended 31st December 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of 5th Ampthill and Woburn (Thriftvale) Scout Group (Charity No. 268119)

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's 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 Trust 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: N Coleman Date 30th October 2021

Natalie Coleman FCCA
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