5TH WOODBRIDGE SEA SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 268625

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1974-12-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: The objectives of the group are to follow the aims of the Scout Association to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual , social and spiritual potential.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WOODBRIDGE
- Suffolk

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£54,918	£45,983	-	-
2024-03-31	£65,822	£52,601	-	-
2023-03-31	£48,497	£51,857	-	-
2022-03-31	£48,964	£52,040	-	-
2021-03-31	£41,791	£21,949	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Jonathan Douse		2014-01-26
Dr Nicola Notcutt		2020-03-01
Duncan Russell		2023-09-26
Frances Holley		2025-04-29
Janet Perry		2023-09-26
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2024-25
ANNUAL REPORT

The 5th WOODBRIDGE (SEA SCOUT) GROUP TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
For the 12-month period ended 31st March 2025

GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Group Lead Volunteer	Dr N Notcutt
Group Executive Chairman	Mr M Bell
Group Secretary and Membership Secretary	Dr N Notcutt
Group Treasurer	Dr J Douse
Scout Leader	Mrs N Tooke
Perisher's Scout leader	Mr S Owen
Cub Scout Leader and Deputy GSL	Mrs M Ulph
Woden Cub scout leader	Mrs D Bell
Thursday Beaver Leader	Mrs P Calver
Monday Beaver leader	Mrs L Keer
Squirrels leader	Mrs K Wrenn
Explorer Scout Leader	Mr C Finch
Squirrel & Beaver Parent Representative	Ms F Winter
Cub Parent Representative	Mrs J Perry
Quartermaster	Mr R Webster
Bosun	Mr D Russell
Scout Parent Representative	Vacant
Explorer Parent Representative	Mr B Whittle
Fundraising Coordinator	Mrs J Perry
Design and Social Media Officer	Vacant

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES:	None
OTHER ADVISERS:	None
BANKERS:	Barclays Bank PLC, Woodbridge Business Centre, Suffolk Coastal Group, 4 Church Street, Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 1DJ
Scout Association Group Registration Number:	40674
Charity Registration Number:	268625
Royal Navy Registration Number:	93
Contact Name and Address:	Group Executive Chairman, 5th Woodbridge (Sea Scout) Group, 5-7 Tide Mill Way, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 1BY

Chairman's report

As we conclude another successful year for 5WSS, this report offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on our achievements, ongoing growth, and the strong sense of community we have fostered - all with the aim of providing #skillsforlife for our young people.

The lifeblood of the group is our volunteers. Section leaders, assistants, young leaders, parent volunteers, and trustees all contribute their time, energy and knowledge to deliver a varied, engaging, and safe programme of activities for our young people.

This year, we expressed our thanks to volunteers stepping down from roles and welcomed new members into the group or into fresh responsibilities.

Notably, our Group Lead Volunteer (GLV), Barrie Hayter, stepped down after more than five years of dedicated service. We warmly welcomed Nicola Notcutt into the role. She has done a fantastic job reshaping our operational structure and managing the diverse demands of over 100 volunteers.

Throughout the year, multiple working groups focused on operational activities, driven by the enthusiasm and initiative of our volunteers.

Thanks to Ryan Webster's dedication, our stores are now well-organised and accessible. Our expanding fleet of sailing boats, motorboats, and canoes is well maintained and available for our young people, thanks to the efforts of Duncan Russell, our Bosun, and the supporting teams who have volunteered for lifting, sanding, varnishing, and other tasks.

Under the careful stewardship of Treasurer Jonathan Douse, our finances remain stable. A key point is that our expenditure is less than our income, thanks in part to Jonathan's meticulous management of our outgoings. Contributing to our financial stability is also the excellent fundraising work by the wider team, including events like Row the Deben and the tireless grant applications by Janet Perry.

This year, we also restructured the group to align with new governance and operational changes set by Scout HQ. The revised structure makes 5th Woodbridge more sustainable by distributing responsibilities for operational activities across a broader team of volunteers.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone at 5th Woodbridge Sea Scouts for their dedication and enthusiasm. The successes of this year are a testament to our collective effort.

Mark Bell, Chairman

Treasurer's report

The group has again had a busy year. During 2023-24 income was £54,918.28. At year end we had £15,733.84 in the current account. £55,880.88 has been reserved for the new HQ.

The group has reserved £6,215 of donations to support the training of leaders and to subsidise the attendance of young people from families suffering from hardship. £2,500 of donations have been reserved to repair Isla.

Expenditure was less than income by £8,935.14. This was due to a combination of successful fundraising which brought in £5,116.87. Our fundraising team, led by Janet, has attracted grants of £3,000 for training of volunteers and £1,000 for Isla. These have yet to be spent and have been reserved for 2025-26.

The Art Club has rented the hall for two afternoons each week, contributing around £4,000. The club does not intend to rent from us long term and so we should treat this is a bonus rather than a regular source of funds.

Donations from the Leslie Mary Carter Trust and Woodbridge Town Council have enabled us to cover the fees of families who are unable to meet the costs of scouting, ensuring that no child is excluded because of their parents' ability to pay. We will continue to offer support in 2025-26.

I am very grateful to all those who have helped with the year's fundraising events including boat rides, Paddle the Deben, the BBQ and the quiz.

The budget for 2025-26 has been set on the basis that we will break even. The costs of our regular expenses have gone up again in the last year. Essential running costs are now £38,652.00 compared to £31,600 in 2023-24, £23,700 in 2022-23 and £18,525 in 2021-22.

Jonathan Douse, treasurer

A word from our Group Lead Volunteer

Having taken on the role of Group Lead Volunteer from Barrie in late June 2024 I have had the privilege of seeing first-hand the impact our committed volunteers have both within 5th Woodbridge Sea Scouts and the wider community, *writes Nicola Notcutt (pictured third from left above).*

Our volunteers

All our leaders continue to work tirelessly to produce varied and exciting programmes of activities for our young members. Our termly team leader meetings have been a useful forum for the sharing of good practice amongst our leaders, as well as discussing and developing our group policies, many of which continue to evolve as we all learn from our experiences.

The implementation of a new national digital system and scouting structure has been our biggest challenge in the latter part of 2024/25, requiring adaptability and patience, but some progress has been made in this area.

Special congratulations to Maggie Ulph who was awarded the Chief Scout's 25 Year Length of Service Award and to Daisy Bell, Akela of Woden Cubs, for receiving an East Anglian Maritime Award for outstanding leadership.

Volunteer development

One of the key focus areas in my role as GLV has been to support our volunteers in their personal development with particular emphasis on enabling them to work towards adventurous activity permits.

In autumn, the group was fortunate in securing a grant from East Suffolk councillors Rachel Lyte-Smith and Stephen Molyneaux to fund volunteer permit training.

In January an information afternoon was held in the Scout Hut with the aim of informing our volunteers on how best to work towards a variety of water permits.

Several of our volunteers expressed an interest in gaining water permits and, with the support of Leigh Foster-Green (Mildenhall GLV & County Paddle Sports Assessor, we hope that a number of new scouts' permits will be secured next year.

Community involvement

Throughout the year 5WSS has continued to play an active role in the local community; hosting boat rides and a BBQ during the Woodbridge Regatta in June and participating in the Transition Woodbridge River Clean in October. Many thanks to Annabel Bradley for co-ordinating 5WSS' involvement with this event.

It was also great to see 5WSS on the front page of the East Anglian Daily Times in December. Thanks to Alan Cowie, one of our Beaver Leaders who spearheaded a fundraising effort to support Haughgate House Care Home after it was the victim of a Christmas fraud incident.

Infrastructure and building updates

The new build project has been briefly paused to enable all volunteers the time to adjust to the new scouting structure and, in the case of some individuals, their new role. However, it is good to know that initial groundworks have secured the planning permission for years to come.

Even though the larger scale new build has been paused, the year has seen huge improvements made on our existing facilities.

While many individuals are to be thanked, I wish to acknowledge and thank Ryan Webster, our Quarter Master who has given up much of his own time to lead on most of these renovation project.

With help from others, Ryan has transformed many aspects of our facilities to greatly enhance the scouting experience for both our volunteers and young people. Thank you, Ryan.

The projects completed in 2024/25 are:

- The garden project: with help from William Notcutt and Martin Webster, and financial support from the Masons, Ryan has transformed the garden into a workable space, with hard standing and room for some boat storage as well as areas for all sections to enjoy a variety of activities.
- Canoe and kayak storage: spearheaded by Ian Horsley, our canoes and kayaks are now benefitting from much improved rack storage in the garden.
- Buoyancy aid store: Ryan and Brad Tooke designed and built a much-improved BA store in the customs house, complete with heaters/driers.
- Scout hut cupboards: Martin Webster (Ryan's father) custom-built a number of large cupboards in the hut, which has greatly improved storage for all sections.
- Tidy stores and declutter Customs House: Ryan has re-organised the stores into a logical system. With help from Brad, he decluttered upstairs of the Customs House to make it a useable space and in doing so reclaimed a 'classroom' area.

The progress made in improving our current facilities has been remarkable thanks to the hard work of our volunteers. Thank you.

Looking ahead

2025–2026 will be a period of further renewal and growth; with possible plans to renovate the Customs House as well as expanding opportunities for water activities as more of our volunteers gain scouts water permits.

We shall also be investigating how we may establish a new Explorer Unit alongside Debenside Explorers to address the growing number of our existing Scouts who wish to continue their scouting journey.

Squirrels' report

The 5WSS Squirrels Section has had another very successful year. We have a full drey with 20 Squirrels regularly attending weekly meetings, *writes leader Katie Wrenn.*

The children have participated in a wide range of activities and earned a range of interest badges, including:

- continuing to develop links with the Woodbridge community through visits to the library, Seckford Care, the Longshed and Sutton Hoo, working with the Community Rail Network to improve the station at Melton, and parading with the 5WSS group for Remembrance Day.
- taking part in new experiences, such as boat trips and hikes on the Deben, kayaking at Deben Leisure Centre's pool, hiking the Hop to It Trail through town, and trying climbing at Clip and Climb. Two Squirrels also successfully attended the Deben District Camp in May, sleeping in tents with their parents, and participating in a wide range of activities alongside the 5WSS Beavers.
- participating in the 'YouShape Award' which promotes opportunities for the children to design and lead elements of their own programme. For this, the children chose to focus on animals and created their own animal homes.
- learning about caring for the environment through visiting Foxburrow Farm for pond dipping, planting planters at Melton Station and the Scout Hut, and visiting Oak Tree Community Farm.
- continuing to develop new skills for life through cooking healthy snacks, playing teamwork games, developing navigational skills, and promoting an awareness of mental health through completing the Feel Good badge.

We have had seven Squirrels gain their Chief Scout Acorn Award, the highest award in the section. Almost all children who have left the section have remained in the group, joining one of the two Beaver groups.

Monday Beavers report

The last year has been action-packed and successful, with lots of our Beavers completing their Bronze award prior to moving up to Cubs. We have taken our Beavers on 3 very different camps - Hallowtree with Thursday Beavers, District Camp and to the Sealife Centre. Their excuse for not sleeping was having sharks, rays and turtles swimming above their heads!

Our programme has been really varied - the highlights have been night walks and glow stick games, making and eating slime, cycling, arts and crafts, and cooking. They participated in a talent show, loved the cardboard caving and made a water filter. They also made parachutes to safely drop their egg off the railway bridge.

The Beavers have been out on the water in Isla, Nemo and in canoes which they loved. We had a sports day and the Beavers requested a tug of war against the leaders. I will let you decide who you think won....

They have had lots of visits too including from Jason the rubbish man, and singing and playing bingo with the residents at Haughgate House. They have been taught life skills such as emergency first aid by a paediatrician.

The Beavers have had fun. learnt new skills and had lots of opportunities to use their imagination and work together. I am grateful to the support, commitment and enthusiasm from our amazing leaders who make the programme happen.

Laura Keer, Leader

Thursday Beavers report

We've had another successful and fun year with our Beaver scouts. We took part in Platform For Change in conjunction with Greater Anglia to decorate the platforms at local train stations. We were tasked with painting the planters – the beavers loved this task and everytime they go to the station, they can see their handiwork!

We had lots of local visits, including a trip to the Long Shed. We learned navigation skills at Rendlesham Forest and enjoyed cooking skills on the BBQ at the scout hut.

We said goodbye to our older beavers as they moved up to Cubs, but not before we celebrated them gaining their Chief Scout Bronze Award and a swimming up ceremony on the beach!

In September, we welcomed our new beavers that moved up from Squirrels and they have all settled in well.

We're all really looking forward to the year ahead with a joint sleepover planned with Monday Beavers and lots of fun activities with new skills to be learned!

Pippa Calver, Leader

Tuesday Cubs

Woden Cubs report

It's been a good year for Woden, with the leadership team creating a great programme for our Cubs.

These included fires, navigation, walks, cooking, treasure hunts, visits to exciting places, sports and talent shows - not to mention several sessions on the river which were enjoyed by all involved, plus lots and lots more!

Despite Akela having to take some time out over winter, the pack continued to thrive under her guidance. We have three active and very helpful young leaders.

A swimming gala for Woden and 1st Woodbridge was an opportunity for Cubs to stretch themselves in some friendly competition and have a lot of fun too.

The spring district camp was a highlight with the Cubs trying many new and exciting activities. A parent rota was set up this year, which has really helped with getting to know the parents and improved engagement in general.

Richard Grey, leader

Perisher Scouts

It was a great year for our Monday night troop Perishers, with a wide variety of activities on offer and lots of badges achieved.

Our brilliant young people have tried their hand at all sorts, from learning how to handle fire, axes, saws and knives safely to working towards their emergency first aid badges.

Other highlights were creating Dia de los Muertos masks, welcoming two gorgeous guide dogs to the hut, cooking up a storm in a district competition and finding out all about life as a BBC Suffolk presenter.

They also learned about bike maintenance and decorated some wooden fish to go on display at The Hold in Ipswich as part of an exhibition called Anchors Away.

Over the year, the Scouts made leaders proud with their impeccable behaviour and smart uniform at the Remembrance Parade in November, impressed us with their readiness to get stuck in at the district camp, and made us laugh a lot during a memorable Christmas singing challenge!

With many of our Scouts having hit the upper age range and flying the coop, we were able to welcome a number of young people from the waiting list. Some of them had been registered for many years so it was great to be able to recruit them.

Thanks so much to the assistant leaders Cat, Claire, Emma, Jonas and Katherine, as well as our young leaders Will, Jim and Oscar for all their help this year.
And congratulations to Will O'Shaughnessy who achieved his Chief Scout's Gold Award before moving on to Explorers.

Si Owen, leader

Friday Scouts

It's been another busy year for Friday troop.

Numbers have stayed around the 28 mark this year. Our leadership team remains strong, and we have three fantastic young leaders, all of whom have ensured that we are able to offer our varied, high-quality programme.

We have continued to run Junior Officer training and selection sessions, but this has now grown into a joint event with Perishers, which is great!

Throughout the year we have awarded some Chief Scout Gold Awards, the highest award available in the Scout Section, with a couple more on the horizon. We have also promoted and awarded sections of the Youth Shaped Award as well as hundreds of other badges!

In August, Scouts from both troops attended another successful summer camp at Decoy Broad, Norfolk. It was a fantastic week of water activities, expeditions, and scout skills.

Some of the leaders and older scouts were also assessed for pulling permits, others passed their paddle safety and rescue course, and some leaders were also assessed for a range of paddle permits. This is no mean feat; we are pleased to say they all passed with flying colours.

Some of our scouts have also attended the district survival camp again. They built shelters and prepared and cooked their own meals over a fire during a 24h camp at Hallowtree.

Over the first May bank holiday, lots of us joined the group at district camp. This was a busy weekend, but it was wonderful to be there with all the other sections of the group, as well as help to run the water activities for over 300 scouts, cubs and explorers from across the district.

It's not just about camps though. We have spent many Fridays and Saturdays on the river covering pulling, power boating, rafting, sailing, paddle boarding, canoeing, kayaking.

We made the decision to work with the tides and operate entirely from our hut this season, rather than move boats, kit, and scouts to other locations. This has helped greatly to provide quality water sessions, allowing scouts to take more responsibility for looking after kit and our leadership team to share the workload. Whilst

we still like to get out and about, we will certainly continue using this model in the future. We have shared a few of our water/mud sessions with Perisher and at least one session each term, which has been positive for all of us.

Leaders Rosie and George have continued to offer shooting sessions, and we had a whole troop shooting and archery session.

Over the colder months, we covered a range of activities including fire safety, FASK, and navigation skills. We had another fantastic trip to Clip 'N Climb, learnt how to maintain our bikes and been on our first troop bike ride.

As always, we would like to thank all our leaders, parent helpers and Young Leaders for their highly valued support and assistance throughout the year. We really could not do what we do without you all. And finally, huge congratulations to our leader Belinda who got engaged this year!

Nicola Tooke, leader

Explorers

This year marked a milestone for Debenside Explorers, with the section celebrating its 20th anniversary in February.

Two decades of Explorers is a remarkable achievement, and a testament to section founder Craig Finch, who has led the group throughout.

In April, Explorer Theo Steventon-Barnes received the King's Scout Award, the highest recognition in scouting, and attended a special event at Windsor Castle to mark the occasion.

This year a number of new leaders have joined the section, meaning that we have continued to be able to offer a high-quality and varied programme.

Highlights on the water have included Suffolk Ditch Boating (navigating from Ufford Hole to Woodbridge) and regular kayak and paddle sessions. Off the water activities have included foraging at Kyson Point and building Roman siege equipment.

The section has been heavily involved in the local community, supporting the Woodbridge Equinox Festival at St Mary's Church and working with Woodbridge Town Council to refurbish the sandpit at Kingston Fields.

Membership has remained steady at 26 members, with several former Explorers continuing to support the section as young adult leaders.

We're preparing for summer camp at the end of June, which will involve white water rafting at Lee Valley, and looking forward to building on the programme next year, running at least three sessions each month.

As ever we'd like to give a huge thankyou to all Explorers, leaders, helpers and parents for helping the section go from strength to strength. Here's to another 20 years!

Craig Finch, leader

Network

The Network Section remains the quietest section. The Network is not a traditional activity section but was set up to keep contact with young members who have departed for university, during their term breaks the members are invited back to help with water and land activities for the younger sections. In time these members may become the Group's Leaders of the future.

3. Group policy and objectives

At the end of the period, cash reserves amounted to £15,733.84 after deduction for current liabilities due within the year. The group's policy on reserves is to hold an amount sufficient to cover the essential running costs for the next three to six months and to budget for longer term maintenance and capital replacement to ensure the long term viability of the group.

The executive committee has started a fund to pay for refurbishment/replacement of the headquarters building. £55,880.88 has been reserved this purpose. The group has reserved £6,215 of donations for the support the training of leaders and to subsidise the attendance of young people from families suffering from hardship. £2,500 of donations have been reserved to repair Isla which needs a new engine and trailer. Trustees have applied for further grants with the intention of having her ready for use in the summer of 2025.

The objectives of the group are to follow the aims of the Scout Association to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential. The group is a trust established under the rules of the Scout Association, which are common to all groups/districts. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

The accounts, which cover a 12 month period, have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

Approved by the trustees on 29 April 2025.

Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31st March 2025

	2024-25	2023-24
Total receipts	£54,918.28	£65,822.96
Total payments	£45,983.14	£46,107.56
Net receipts	£8,935.14	£19,715.40
Cash in bank brought forward	£71,394.58	£51,679.18
Cash in bank carried forward	£80,329.72	£71,394.58

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the trustees on 29 April 2025 and were signed on their behalf by

Jonathan Douse
Group Treasurer

Receipts for the year ended 31st March 2025

	2024-25	2023-24
Subscriptions	£24,629.05	£22,550.86
Less refund		£135
Less OSM	£182.55	£350.80
Less association fees paid	£10,212	£9,553.50
Total	**£14,234.50**	**£12,511.56**
Bank interest	£779.02	£539.05
HMRC Gift Aid and GADS	£4,335.67	£5,806.78
Activities	£17,152.91	£18,043.86
Fundraising	£5116.87	£11,845.13
Rent	£6,764.69	£1,769
Boat insurance	£350	£340
Uniform and kit	£596.60	£1048.50
Explorers	-	£318
Total	**£35,095.76**	**£39,710.32**
East Suffolk Locality	£3000	-
Woodbridge Shufflers	£100	£100
Easy Fundraising/Amazon	£63.81	£94.96
HQ Donors	£310	£2,600
RN for Quest	-	£2,500
Town Council for hardship	-	£2,000
Leslie Mary Carter for training and hardship	-	£5,000
Masons for fence	-	£1,000
Farlingaye School	-	£306.12
Allan Harber RIP	£614.21	-
Suffolk community for Isla	£1,000	-
Hallett family	£500	-
Total	**£5,588.02**	**£13,601.08**
Total receipts for the year	**£54,918.28**	**£65,822.96**

Payments for the year ended 31st March 2025

		2024-5	2023-24
PREMISES	Light, heat and water	£1,330.03	£984.14
	Insurance	£1,160.25	£1,147.21
	Repairs and renewals	£3,188.34	£878.9
	Customs House works	£4,203.03	nil
	Garden and fence	£786.15	nil
	Hall storage	£853.05	nil
	Total	**£11,520.85**	**£3,010.25**
BOATS	Insurance	£2,562.82	£2,616.58
	New boat	£180	£312
	Moorings, repairs and renewals	£3,868.77	£3,744.42
	Total	**£6,611.59**	**£6,673**
ACTIVITIES	Day-to-day section running	£1,256.44	£2,483.93
	Activities	£21,454.19	£19,902.33
	Equipment	£371.26	£2,469
	Total	**£23,081.89**	**£24,855.26**
	Fundraising expenses	£830.56	£792.17
	Training	£930	£695.69
	Personal group insurance	£52	£52
	Books and badges	£1,672.72	£3,699.03
	Misc	£27.50	£150
	Uniform and kit	£1,136.03	£2,550.16
	Website	£120	-
	Total	**£47,68.81**	**£7,939.05**
NEW HQ PROJECT	Feasibility study	-	£3,630
	Total	**-**	**£3,630**
	Total payments for year	**£45,983.14**	**£46,107.56**

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31st March 2025

		2024-25	2023-24
MONETARY ASSETS	Current account	£6,122.42	£4,472.35
	Subs account	£9,611.42	£9,982.37
	Hardship and training reserve	£8,715	£4,338
	Bank deposit account for HQ	£55,880.88	£52,601.86
	Cash in hand	-	-
	Other monetary assets	-	-
	Investment assets	-	-
	Net Monetary Assets	**£80,329.72**	**£71,394.58**
NON-MONETARY ASSETS FOR CHARITY'S OWN USE	Land and buildings (insurance valuation)	£511,469	£499,841
	Boats and marine equipment (insurance valuation)	£66,645	£64,685
	Scouting equipment (insurance valuation)	£42,175	£42,175
	Total	**£620,289**	**£606,701**
LIABILITIES	Cheques issued and not yet presented	-	-
	Expenses incurred but not yet invoiced	-	-
	Total	**-**	**-**

Independent examiner's report

I report to the trustees of 5th Woodbridge Sea Scouts (charity number 268265) on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025.

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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:
accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Date: 27 June, 2025

Name: Richard Short FCCA | Professional Qualifications: Chartered Certified Accountant

Address: 20 Hercules Road, Rendlesham, Suffolk IP12 2GP

Budget for the 12month period to 31st March 2025: Essential running costs

	Association fees	£11,00
PREMISES	Light/heat/water	£1,500
	Insurance	£1,200
	Repairs and renewals	£3,000
	Total	**£5,700**
BOATS	Insurance	£2,600
	Mooring, running costs, repairs and renewals	£4,000
	Isla engine	£3,000
	Isla trailer	£2,000
	Total	**£11,600**
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	Tents and camping	£1,000
	Books and badges	£1,700
	Total	**£2,700**
OTHER	Admins/establishment expenses	£150
	Trustees expense	-
	Personal accident insurance	£52
	Training	£2,000
	Total other	**£2,052**
	Day to day activities	£5,600
	Total essential running costs	**£38,652**

Estimated income for year

Subscriptions	£26,000
Gift Aid	£4,500
Rent of hall	£2,000
Fundraising	£1,000
Use reserve for Isla	£3,000
Use training reserve	£2,000
Grant for Isla from SCC	£1,000
Total	**£39,500**

Appendix A

Accounts relating to Debenside Explorer Unit
Lloyds Bank
Sort code 309985
Account 5101676

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31st March 2025

		2024-25	2023-24
MONETARY ASSETS	Bank current account	£271.53	£196.47
	Cash in hand	-	-
	Other monetary assets	-	-
	Net monetary assets	**£271.53**	**£196.47**
NON-MONETARY ASSETS	Investment assets	-	-
	Land and buildings	-	-
	Boats and marine equipment	-	-
	Scouting equipment	-	-
	Net monetary assets	**-**	**-**
LIABILITIES	Cheques issued, not yet presented	-	-
	Expenses incurred not yet invoiced	-	-
	Total	**-**	**-**
TRANSACTIONS	Fundraising	-	-
	Receipts for activities	£5,188	£3,883.29
	Receipts for kit	-	£663.50
	Receipts for subs	£45	£90
	Payments for kit	-	£841
	Transfer to 5WSS for subs	£45	£90
	Payments for activities	£5,112.94	£4,210.96
	Net receipts (payments)	**£75.06**	**£-505.17**

Transactions relating to Debenside Explorer unit included in 5th Woodbridge accounts during year 31st March 2021

	2024-25	2023-24
Subscriptions collected from explorers	£2,040	£2,835
Association fees	£-1,330.50	£-1,366
OSM	£-43	£-43
Badges	£-13.30	£-57.25
Kit	£-500.50	-
Camp/ activity costs	-	£-416.4
Camp/ activity fees collected	-	£318
Use of hall and equipment	£-152.70	£-1,270.35
Balance	-	-

5TH WOODBRIDGE SEA SCOUT GROUP

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31st March 2024

THE 5TH WOODBRIDGE (SEA SCOUT) GROUP

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE

Group Scout Leader	Mr B Hayter
Group Executive Chairman	Mr M Bell
Group Secretary and Membership Secretary	Dr N Notcutt
Group Treasurer	Dr J Douse
Scout Leader	Mrs N Tooke
Perisher's Scout leader	Mr S Owen
Cub Scout Leader and Deputy GSL	Mrs M Ulph
Woden Cub scout leader	Mrs D Bell
Thursday Beaver Leader	Mrs P Calver
Monday Beaver leader	Mrs L Keer
Squirrels leader	Mrs K Wrenn
Explorer Scout Leader	Mr C Finch
Squirrel & Beaver Parent Representative	Ms F Winter
Cub Parent Representative	Mrs J Perry
Quartermaster	Mr E Cullinan
Bosun	Mr D Russell
Scout Parent Representative	Mr M Davies
Explorer Parent Representative	Mr B Whittle
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CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES: None

OTHER ADVISERS: None

Group Registration Number with The Scout Association: 40674

Charity Registration Number: 268625

Royal Navy Registration Number: 93

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
For the 12month period ended 31st March 2024

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT By Mark Bell

As the Chair of the 5th Woodbridge (Sea Scout) Group, I am pleased to present the annual report for the year ending March 31, 2024. This year has been a testament to our continued growth and success, thanks to the tireless efforts of our leadership teams, volunteers, and supportive community.

Our Group has seen significant activity across all sections, from the thriving Squirrels and Beavers to the adventurous Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers. The leadership teams have expanded, and we have prioritized obtaining new adventurous activity permits to enhance the experiences we offer to our young people. Highlights of the year include successful camps, diverse community engagements, and various badge achievements, including several Chief Scout Awards across different sections.

During the year we have welcomed new members and volunteers, in addition to bidding farewell to young people and adults alike as they move onto new challenges. A special thank you is reserved for Barrie Hayter, who served notice of his intent to step down as Group Scout Leader in 2024, moving back to being a leader in Friday Scouts. Though sad to see Barrie leave the trustees team, we are excited to welcome Nicola Notcutt into the newly created role of Group Lead Volunteer in 2024-25, and look forward to her stewardship, leadership and support.

Financially, the Group remains robust, with total receipts of £65,822.96 against payments of £46,107.56, leaving us with a strong cash reserve. Our fund dedicated to the refurbishment and replacement of our headquarters continues to grow, demonstrating our commitment to the long-term sustainability of the Group.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all volunteers, leaders, parents, and the community for their invaluable support and leadership over the year. A special thanks to Jonathan Douse our Treasurer and Richard Short for creating this clear and concise annual report. Together, we look forward to another year of fostering growth and adventure for our young people, helping to provide #skillsforlife.

GROUP TREASURER –By Jonathan Douse

The group has again had a busy year. During 2022-23 income was £65,822. At year end we had £14,454 in cash, £52,601 saved for the new HQ and £4338 reserved for training of leaders and to subsidise the attendance of young people from families who have financial challenge. Expenditure was less than income by £19,715, this was due to a combination of successful fundraising for the HQ (£14,445) and our fund raising team lead by Janet attracting grants (£10,500) that have not yet all be spent.

Sadly the cost of living crisis has made it difficult for some families to pay for subs and fees for camps and other activities. Donations from The Leslie Mary Carter Trust (£5000) and Woodbridge Town Council (£2000) have enabled us to cover these families' fees, ensuring that no child is excluded from

scouting on the basis of their parent's ability to pay. These grants have also allowed us to subsidise uniform and training for new leaders.

I am very grateful to all those who help with the years fundraising events including boat rides, Row the Deben, the BBQ and Quiz. With more sections open we are now making much better use of the HQ with it used each evening. Until recently HQ had been largely unused during the day but now the Art Club and the dance group have rented it on a regular basis providing us with some welcome additional income. We would welcome contact from any group or society wanting to rent the HQ at times when we are not using it.

The budget for 2023-24 has been set on the basis that we will break even. The costs of all of our regular expenses has gone up again in the last year. Essential running costs are now £31,600 compared to £23,700 in 2022-23 and £18525 in 2021-22. We have kept the cost of the termly subscription unchanged for many years at £45 per term but this is no longer possible. The Trustees committee have made a decision to increase the subs to £50 per term from October 2024.

GROUP SCOUT LEADERS REPORT– by Barrie Hayter Group Scout Leader

Another amazing year of activities and memories for adults and young people. We continue to expand the leadership teams within each section and work towards new adventurous activity permits for leaders so that we can get more young people out on the water, shooting and archery. The group continues to strengthen with regular section leader meetings and lots of discussion about group policy's.

In January this year I gave my notice as GSL and will finish on 25th June. I will be staying on as a team member with Scouts on a Friday night. I have so enjoyed my time as GSL and wish to thank all of the amazing volunteers and the parents that make this group so successful.

SQUIRREL'S REPORT by leader Katie Wrenn

The 5WSS Squirrels group continues to thrive, with a full drey of 24 children currently attending our weekly meetings and a substantial waiting list. In the past year, we have worked towards many interest and challenge badges through a wide range of activities. These have included:

- new experiences such as trips out on the 5WSS boats and night hikes along the river Deben
- learning about nature and our role in protecting the environment through nature walks, learning about bees, making bird feeders, growing plants and a visit to the Vintage Litter Museum on Jetty Lane.
- developing links with the Woodbridge community through visits to Seckford Care Home, the fire station, library and Tide Mill, working on projects with Transition Woodbridge and parading with the 5WSS group for remembrance day.
- promoting a love of learning through opportunities to weekly enjoy stories, an evening of science experiments and an evening of maths games

- developing new skills for life through cooking, playing teamwork games, developing our navigational skills, and promoting an awareness of our own mental health through mindfulness activities, yoga and den building together.

We have had seven Squirrels gain their Chief Scout Acorn Award, the highest award in the section, and almost all children who have left the section have remained in the group, joining one of the two Beaver groups.

We're looking forward to another great year, with an upcoming trip to Easton Farm with all the Suffolk Squirrels, a partnership with Community Rail Network to improve the station at Melton, and participation in the 'YouShape Award' which promotes opportunities for the children to design and lead elements of their own programme.

THURSDAY BEAVER SCOUT REPORT by **Pippa Calver Beaver Leader**

We have had another great year in our beaver section. We have had 2 successful sleepovers (joining up with Monday beavers) for the first one we stayed overnight in the Sealife centre along the sharks and turtles and the second we went to Hallowtree and had a great day & night filled with activities. We went carol singing at a care home and we were asked by Sutton Hoo to help decorate Anglo Saxon masks to go on their Easter trail and the beavers all got free tickets to the event. We have visited lots of interesting places including the observation tower in Felixstowe and the Coldwar museum at Bentwaters.
We have had a big group of newcomers in the last few weeks and they have all settled in so well. We say goodbye to 3 of our beavers in July as they move up to Cubs in September and they are on course for gaining their Chief Scout Bronze award!

MONDAY BEAVER SCOUT REPORT by **Laura Keer** Beaver Leader

The Monday Beavers have had a fantastic year going on 3 camps. The first was their first experience of wild camping in Methersgate. They loved making bows and arrows and exploring the countryside around the camp. We now have 2 leaders with camping permits.

Over the last year they have visited foxburrow farm and had a session delivered by James Campbell. He is a fantastic children's author who made us all laugh! They visited the residents at Haughgate House where they sang and signed songs. The Beavers gave them their Christmas cards they had made for them.

We started off 2024 by having a sleepover in great Yarmouth sealife centre. The beavers eventually fell asleep watching fish, sharks and a giant turtle swimming above their heads. I think it would be fair to say not much sleep happened!

We have had many different and fun sessions including art, cooking, making scones and inviting their mothers to tea, sports and walks.

We also had another joint beaver camp at Hallowtrees which gave the Beavers the opportunity to sleep in bell tents, participate in archery, complete the assault course, bouldering and orienteering. It poured with rain during the night but luckily the beavers kept dry and warm in the new bell tents.

Summer is coming and we're hoping to get the beavers out on the water. They've walked back from Melton, completed a litter pick up and made tulips and rafts.

CUB SCOUT REPORT – Maggie Ulph, Cub Scout Leader

We have 9 leaders and 2 young leaders running this section. There has been a healthy flow of Beavers moving up to Cubs and Cubs moving up to Scouts over this period, plus transferee cubs who have moved here from other parts of the UK. Over the year, we have held investitures for 9 new recruits to Tuesday Cubs and all the Cubs have been working hard to earn their badges. Four of our older Cubs have been awarded their Chief Scout Silver Award which is the highest award that can be achieved during their time in Cubs. We always miss them when they move up to Scouts, but they are ready and prepared for the bigger challenges that they will encounter in Scouts. In total, there has been 337 badges awarded, the majority of these will be Staged Badges, Activity Badges and Challenge Badges, the others will be recognition badges for significant achievements, i.e. Senior Sixer, Sixer and Seconder badges and length of time in the movement badges.
We have had many organised events over the year but in April 2023 we celebrated St Georges' Day with a group camp with all the sections present. Summer Cub Camp took place in July 2023 and huge thank you to the parents who helped with camp, cooking the meals/helping with activities and staying over to keep our Cub:Adult ratios up. I would also like to thank the parents/carers for all their help over the year. We are so lucky to have such terrific support from you and you always come up trumps when we ask for help.
To the Exec Team, I would like to thank you all for what you do to make life as a leader less arduous with your diligence with all your behind the scenes work in keeping the cogs rolling. Thank you.

Woden Cub Pack Report by Daisy Bell Cub Scout Leader,

A truly memorable second year for Woden Cubs at 5WSS. The leadership team really came together and created a fun, educational, varied, and interesting 12 months for our 8–10-year-olds to enjoy.
We now have 25 Young People, 4 Young Leaders and 9 part-time Team Members with a broad skillset and a deep commitment to scouting values. 92% of our Cubs leave for Scouts having gained their Chief Scout Silver Award and we have a weekly attendance rate of around 94%.
Our local community has been a great source of support and engagement – we were welcomed on visits to the Royal Harwich Yacht Club, the Ipswich Mosque, the Ipswich Transport Museum and even ITFC at Portman Road.
For English Tourism week we celebrated in style at the Shire Hall and had a visit from the Woodbridge Mayor which thrilled the Cubs. We have been continuing to support Transition Woodbridge with various conservation projects locally, outside of our normal session hours which is a marvellous show of commitment by the Cubs.
They made cross-generational friends when we set up a Pen Pal exchange with a local care home – the Cubs have since been to sing Christmas carols to the residents and wrote and conducted a general knowledge quiz at the home.
Our Blue Peter session was a great success with 22 Cubs sending off work and receiving their BP Blue Badges, Sports and Reader Badges. Badge holders are also privileged to receive free access to a wealth of attractions across the UK, so we've saved their grown-ups a few £££ too. We're now finalising our BP Silver Awards too.
We enjoyed 5 weekends away together over the year, including camping as a Section, a District and as a County. The senior cubs also had a weekend Narrowboating through central London which wasn't one to forget. And neither was the surprise Morris Dancing, thanks to the East Coast Morris Men!

Our goals for the coming year are to utilise the shared knowledge and experience of 5WSS so we may enjoy getting out on the ocean (river) waves more often. We would also like to reflect the national Scouting Association priority to encourage diversity and inclusivity within the pack; we know all young people would benefit from this great youth organisation and it does wonders for both physical and mental health.
A personal thanks to all the grown-ups of our Cubs, without whom we would struggle to achieve as much as we do for the young people in our care. The time, manpower, liftshares, 'thank you's' and cake-making goes a hugely long way to keeping the leaders sane and motivated!

5TH WOODBRIDGE (SEA SCOUT) GROUP

SCOUT REPORT by– Nicola Day, Scout Leader (Friday section) and Si Owen Scout Leader (Monday section)

It's been another busy year for scouts.

Numbers have risen again this year with the Friday troop currently sitting at 30 Scouts. Our leadership team has gone from strength to strength with 3 new leaders on the team and 3 fantastic Young Leaders, all of whom have ensured that we are able to offer our varied, high-quality programme.

We have continued to run Junior Officer training and selection sessions and are very pleased with our current group of JO's. Throughout the year we have awarded some Chief Scout Gold Awards, the highest award available in the Scout Section, with a few more on the horizon. We have also promoted and awarded sections of the Youth Shaped Award as well as hundreds of other badges!

After pulling boats and activity instructors to support Weekend in '23, this year we are back in earnest, scouts from across the two troops, as well as pulling as one of the activities.

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In August, Scouts from both troops attended our Summer Camp at Decoy Broad, Norfolk. It was a fantastic week of water activities, expeditions, and scout skills. Some of the leaders and older scouts were also assessed for pulling permits, this is no mean feat; we are pleased to say they all passed with flying colours. We can't wait to go back again this August for round two!

Some of our scouts have also attended the district survival camp. They build shelters, prepared and cooked their own meals over a fire. They endured a night of torrential rain, but being sea scouts felt quite at home being a bit soggy and all survived admirably.

It's not just about camps though. We have spent many Fridays and Saturdays on the river covering power boating, sailing (when the weather allowed!), paddle boarding, canoeing, and kayaking. We also have rafting canoeing on the cards for later this term. We made the with the tides and operate entirely from our hut this than move boats, kit, and scouts to other locations. This greatly to provide quality water sessions, allowing more responsibility for looking after kit and our to share the workload. Whilst we still like to get out and

and carboard decision to work season, rather has helped scouts to take leadership team

about, we will certainly be using this model in the future.

Leaders Rosie and George now have shooting permits. They have already run a Saturday session and we have a shooting and archery session booked in for the end of term.

Earlier in the year, we covered a range of activities including first aid, FASK, and navigation skills. We also visited Aldeburgh lifeboat station and had a fantastic Christmas trip to Clip 'N Climb.

As always, we would like to thank all our leaders, parent helpers and Young Leaders for their highly valued support and assistance throughout the year. We really could not do what we do without you all. And finally, huge congratulations to our leader Rosie who is getting married this term!

EXPLORER SCOUT REPORT – Craig Finch, Explorer Scout Leader

It has been a busy period for the Explorer Unit. Highlights of our weekly programme include, walking 2 sections of the River Deben including locating the source of our mighty river in Debenham. Water activities include the full range of pulling, power boating, dinghy sailing and paddle sports. We also undertake more advanced water activities including down river boating, night time paddle sports and long distance winter kayak touring of the upper reaches of the river Deben. Explorers have also used the Deben Swimming Pool for kayak safety practice sessions in the winter months.

We have created a partnership with British Canoeing, now Paddle UK to become a provider for national paddle sport qualifications, currently 3 leaders are able to deliver qualifications. 8 Explorers have completed Paddle Explore Course and 12 have completed the Paddle Safer course, 3 adults have completed the Kayak Touring Performance award. Taken advantage of our association with the Royal Navy, 4 Explorers completed the RYA Advanced Dinghy Sailing Skills course and 2 completed RYA Power Boating.

During the summer, after 18months hard work fundraising, 4 Explorers attended the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. Whilst the the jamboree was in the international news for all the wrong reasons, the Explorers still had a good experience, just not what was originally planned. The Explorer section had their annual summer camp to Cornwall, going surfing, coasteering and local visits.

Explorers continue with Scout Badge work passing many of the top awards of Chief Scout Gold, Platinum and Diamond along with Duke and Edinburgh Awards.

The Explorer Unit currently has 30 youth members which is overborne, we have members across the full age range. Explorers also assist with the younger sections as Young Leaders.

NETWORK REPORT

The Network Section remains the quietest section. The Network is not a traditional activity section but was set up to keep contact with young members who have departed for university, during their term breaks the members are invited back to help with water and land activities for the younger sections. In time these members may become the Groups Leaders of the future.

GROUP POLICY AND OBJECTIVES

At the end of the period, cash reserves amounted to ***£14,454.72*** after deduction for current liabilities due within the year. The Group's policy on reserves is to hold an amount sufficient to cover the essential running costs for the next 3 to 6 months and to budget for longer term maintenance and capital replacement to ensure the long term viability of the Group.

The executive committee has started a fund to pay for refurbishment/ replacement of the headquarters building, £52,601.86 has been reserved this purpose. The group has reserved £4338 of donations for the support the training of leaders and to subsidise the attendance of young people from families suffering from hardship.

The objectives of the group are to follow the aims of the Scout Association to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential. The Group is a trust established under the rules of the Scout Association, which are common to all Groups/Districts. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organization & Rules of The Scout Association.

The accounts, which cover a 12 month period, have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

Approved by the trustees on 23/4/24

5TH WOODBRIDGE (SEA SCOUT) GROUP

Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31st March 2024

	this year	previous year
total receipts	65822.96	48497.51
total payments	46107.56	51857.05
net receipts	19715.4	-3359.54
cash in bank brought forward	51679.18	55038.72
cash in bank carried forward	71394.58	51679.18

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees

On 23/4/24 and signed on their behalf by

.....Jonathan Douse.....Group Treasurer

Receipts for the year ended 31st March 2024

	This year	previous year
Subscriptions	22550.86	17829.29
less refund	135	nil
less OSM	350.8	363.49
less association fees paid	9553.5	8317
Total	**12511.56**	**9148.8**
Bank interest	539.05	79.15
HMRC gift aid and GADS	5806.78	3416.71
sundry reciepts		75
Activities	18043.86	10049.08
Fund raising	11845.13	3526.31
rent	1769	1739
boat insurance	340	340
uniform and Kit	1048.5	1183.5
from explorers	318	nil
Total	**39710.32**	**20408.75**
Kay Yule Locality	nil	1000
Warm Rooms	nil	3600
Mrs Rope Paddle boards	nil	800
Frank Jackson new sections and hardship	nil	5000
Woodbridge Sufflers	100	125
Waitrose for tents	nil	500
Easy fundraising/ amazon	94.96	264.96
HQ Donors	2600	7650
RN for quest	2500	nil
town council for hardship	2000	nil
Leslie Mary Carter for training and hardship	5000	nil
Masons for Fence	1000	nil
Farlingaye school	306.12	nil
total	**13601.08**	**18939.96**
total receipts for year	**65822.96**	**48497.51**

Payments for the year ending 31st March 2024

		This year	previous year
Premises	light, heat and water	984.14	867
	insurance	1147.21	1133.64
	repairs and renewals	878.9	1257.91
	Total	**3010.25**	**3258.55**
Boats	insurance	2616.58	2861.51
	New Dock	312	nil
	Quest	nil	7426.67
	Kayak Trailer	nil	1740
	moorings,repairs and renewals	3744.42	4039.32
	Total	**6673**	**16067.5**
Activities	Warm Rooms	nil	466.36
	Day to Day section running	2483.93	1852.61
	Activities	19902.33	10256.51
	Equipment	2469	1090.17
	Total	**24855.26**	**13665.65**
	Fundraising expenses	792.17	753.41
	Training	695.69	860
	Personal group insurance	52	52
	Books and Badges	3699.03	2420.53
	Misc	150	47.37
	uniform and kit	2550.16	2115
	Total	**7939.05**	**6248.31**
New HQ project	Fesibilty study	3630	3000
	planning expenses	nil	5186.2
	Foundations	nil	3860.84
	Archeology	nil	570
	Total	**3630**	**12617.04**
	Total payments for year	**46107.56**	**51857.05**

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2024

		this year	previous year
monetary assets	current account	4472.35	4123.42
	subs account	9982.37	10476.51
	hardship and training reserve	4338	nil
	bank deposit account for HQ	52601.86	37079.25
	cash in hand	nil	nil
	other monetary assets	nil	nil
	investment assets	nil	nil
	net monetary assets	**71394.58**	**51679.18**
non-monetary assets for charity own use	land and buildings (insurance valuation)	499,841	396699
	boats and marine equipment (insurance valuation)	64685	69739
	scouting equipment (insurance valuation)	42175	42175
	total	**606,701**	**508613**
liabilities	cheques issues and not yet presented	nil	nil
	expenses incurred but not yet invoice	nil	nil
	total	**nil**	**nil**

Independent examiners report

I report to the trustees of 5th Woodbridge Sea Scouts (charity number 268265) on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024.

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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Date: 21/6/24

Name:

Professional Qualifications: Chartered Certified Accountant

Address: 20 Hercules Road, Rendlesham, Suffolk IP12 2GP

Budget* for the 12month period to 31st March 2024
Essential Running Costs

Proposed Budget for 2024-25

budget for 2024-25		
	association fees	**10000**
premises	light heat water	1100
	insurance	1200
	repairs and renewals	3000
	total premises	**5300**
boats	insurance	2900
	mooring, running costs, repairs, renewal	4000
	total boats	**6900**
capital equipment	tents and camping	1000
	Books and badges	3700
	total capital equipment	**4700**
other	admins/establishment expenses	150
	trustees expense	nil
	personal accident insurance	52
	training	500
	total other	**702**
	day to day activities	**4000**
	total essential running costs	**31602**
estimated income	subscriptions	22505
	gift aid	4000
	rent of hall	4000
	fundraising	1000
	total	**31505**

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Appendix A
Accounts relating to Debenside Explorer Unit

Lloyds Bank
Sort code 309985
Account 5101676

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2024

		this year	previous year
monetary assets	bank current account	196.47	701.64
	cash in hand	nil	nil
	other monetary assets	nil	nil
	net monetary assers	**196.47**	**701.64**
non-monetary assets	investment assets	nil	nil
	land and buildings	nil	nil
	boats and marine equipment	nil	nil
	scouting equipment	nil	nil
	total non-monetary assets	**nil**	**nil**
liabilities	cheques issued not yet presented	nil	nil
	expenses incurred not yet invoiced	nil	nil
	net liabilities	**nil**	**nil**
transactions	fundraising	nil	nil
	receipts for activities	3883.29	6218.56
	Receipts for kit	663.50	
	receipts for subs	90	45
	payments for kit	841	nil
	Transfer to 5WSS for subs	90	
	payments for activities	4210.96	6184.06
	net receipts (payments)	**-505.17**	**79.5**

Transactions relating to Debenside Explorer unit included in 5th Woodbridge accounts during year 31st March 2024:

	This year	Previous year
subscriptions collected from explorers	2835	2115
association fees	-1366	-1065
OSM	-43	-43
badges	-57.25	-14.62
tent contribution	nil	315
camp/ activity costs	-416.4	Nil
camp/ activity fees collected	318	nil
use of hall and equipment	-1270.35	-1328.48
Balance	**nil**	**nil**

5TH WOODBRIDGE SEA SCOUT GROUP

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ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

The 5th WOODBRIDGE (SEA SCOUT) GROUP TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
For the 12-month period ended 31st March 2023

GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Group Scout Leader	Mr B Hayter
Group Executive Chairman	Mr M Bell
Group Secretary and Membership Secretary	Dr N Notcutt
Group Treasurer	Dr J Douse
Explorer Scout Leader	Mr C Finch
Monday (Perisher's) Scout Leade	Mr G Symonds
Friday Scout Leader	Mrs N Tooke
Tuesday Cub Scout Leader and Deputy GSL	Mrs M Ulph
Wednesday (Woden) Cub Scout Leader	Mrs D Bell
Monday Beavers Leader	Mrs L Keer
Thursday Beaver Leader	Mrs P Calver
Squirrels Leader	Mrs L Villiers
Scout Parent Representative	Mr M Davies
Cub Parent Representative	Mrs J Perry
Beaver Parent Representative	Mr H Banhm
Quartermaster	Mr M Davies
Bosun	Mr D Russell
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GROUP TRUSTEES (Elected):

Group Scout leader	Mr B Hayter
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Group Secretary	Dr N Notcutt
Group Treasurer	Dr J Douse
Scout Leader	Mrs N. Tooke
Cub Scout Leader	Mrs. M. Ulph
Beaver Leader	

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES:	None
OTHER ADVISERS:	None
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Scout Association Group Registration Number:	40674
Charity Registration Number:	268625
Royal Navy Registration Number:	93
Contact Name and Address:	Group Executive Chairman, 5th Woodbridge (Sea Scout) Group, 5-7 Tide Mill Way, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 1BY

1. Welcome and financial summary

The Trustees and Executive Committee of the 5th Woodbridge Sea Scouts are delighted to submit the following set of accounts for the financial year 2023.

The subsequent pages summarise a group which is growing. The number of sections in our group is growing, led by an ever-increasing and fantastic cross-section of adult volunteers helping our young people learn skills for life.

We are growing the amount of equipment available to our sections, both in breadth of capability, and depth of capacity.

This growth in equipment is allowing our leaders to provide the best possible scouting experience to the young people in our care.

We are growing our executive team of volunteers, each bringing with them their enthusiasm, expertise, and diversity of thought, and all ultimately ensuring the group provides safest and most exciting scouting experience.

Most importantly we are helping people grow, both young and old, guided by the Scouting values of integrity, respect, care, belief and cooperation.

I offer my thanks to Jonathan our Treasurer, Claire our Marketing Guru and Richard our Auditor for creating this year's report.

Most of all, I offer my thanks to the wider team of volunteers and leaders, led by Barrie our Group Scout Leader for their time, dedication and creativity in the delivery of scouting experiences.

Group chair, Mark Bell

The group was busy during 2022-23 and turned over £51,847. At year end, we had £11,852 in cash and £38,827 saved for the new HQ.

We made a small deficit which was due to spending on preparatory works for the HQ (£12.6K) being higher than fundraising and donations for this purpose (£10.4K). The group also invested in a new sailing dinghy, new kayak trailer and new tents. The cost of these items was nearly but not completely covered by donations and grants.

We have kept the cost of the termly subscription unchanged for many years now at £45 per term. Sadly the cost of living crisis has made it difficult for some families to pay for subs and fees for camps and other activities.

A donation from The Frank Jackson Fund has enabled us to cover these families' fees, ensuring that no child is excluded from scouting on the basis of their parent's ability to pay.

The Frank Jackson Fund also covered costs associated with increasing the size of the group. It has paid for uniform and training for our new leaders and other set-up costs. As more young people join the group this has provided us with additional income. Fortunately, the additional income has helped us cope with the extra costs associated with inflation affecting the cost of insurance, maintenance of our equipment and repairs. We have been saved from soaring electricity and water prices by a long-term fixed price deal arranged before the war in Ukraine.

I am very grateful to all those who helped with the year's fundraising events including boat rides, BBQ and quiz. We are very fortunate to have Barry and Janet working to get us grants to cover costs of new equipment and to support the expansion of the group.

The hard work that Claire and all the leaders do to keep our media profile high must also help us look attractive to donors, as well as the families of potential future members!

With more sections open we are now making much better use of the HQ with it used each evening. During the day it remains largely unused but the dance group have rented it on a regular basis providing us with some welcome additional income. We would welcome contact from any group or society wanting to rent the HQ at times when we are not using it.

The budget for 2023-24 has been set on the basis that we will make a small in-year surplus. This leaves room for the unexpected costs that always occur. We hope to have a successful year of fundraising with another quiz, a sponsored row, a raffle and BBQ planned.

Group treasurer, Jonathan Douse

2. Our activities and achievements during 2022-23

This year has shown again just how amazing the team are within 5th Woodbridge.

We have continued our drive for growth and to reduce our waiting list and opened a new Cubs Pack in September followed by a new Beavers Colony as well as the first Squirrels Dray in Deben District in January.

The Woden Pack (named after an Anglo Saxon God) have been going from strength to strength and have a Section leader and a good number of section assistants supporting the pack.

The second Beavers colony has a great team that are getting to know the young people and how Scouting works. We need to pass on a massive thank you to Maggie who has given up so much time to support the new Scouts, Cubs and Beavers teams with weekly meetings, planning, advice and cups of tea!

Having an experienced leader on hand has made a huge difference to getting these groups up and running with amazing programme ideas and enjoyable sessions.

Also our thanks to Nicola Notcutt who has overseen the 'on boarding' process of DBS checks and references. There must have been 30 new adult volunteers in the last 18 months which has required a lot of organisation.

5WSS always likes to stay at the forefront of Scouting and with the addition of Squirrels to the scouting movement in 2021 we were keen to get involved as soon as we could.

Our Scout Leader, Nicola Tooke (Noo) headed up this project and very successfully recruited enough leaders and a section leader to be able to open the first Squirrels Dray in Deben District. Since January, the four to six-year-olds have been learning new skills and are now all invested into the scouting movement.

Without such a dedicated and enthusiastic team we would not have been able to double in size in the past 18 months.

5WSS turned 50 in 2022 and to celebrate we had over 150 members on the water at the same time to retake our promise. In April 2023 we had our first group camp for many years with again over 150 members camping at Hallowtree for St George's. The event was a huge success and allowed the leaders from all the sections to get to know each other.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all adults that support our group from the leadership teams for each sections, the executive team that do so much in the background, the fundraisers that enable us to continue to expand capabilities, the Bosun and parents that support keeping our very large fleet of boats afloat, to the many parents that help get ready for camps and other activities. We have over 60 adult volunteers 'on the books' with far more than that helping make us such a successful group.

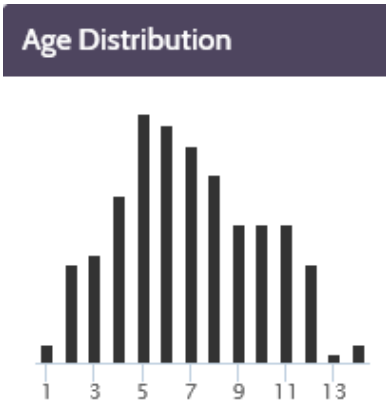
Building update

We have taken major steps this year with the extension plans and have started building work. To secure the planning permission we had to start major works so we have completed the main foundations that support the containers. The revised planning consent was approved in November and we had until the end of February to start. We are now concentrating on raising the required funds to complete the build.

Waiting list

With 65 young people joining the group in the last 12 months from the waiting list it should have in theory gone down from last year's 150. But instead, it has risen to 185 meaning we have had 100 young people join the waiting list in the past 12 months. The age of distribution of these young people shows there is still a very high demand and if we had the space, time and leaders we could open a new Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts straight away.

The below graph shows age distribution with 5 year olds having 25 young members waiting to join the group.



Group Scout Leader Barrie Hayter

Squirrels' report

It has been an amazing first six months for our Squirrel Drey. We have just seen our first three Squirrels move up to Beavers.

So far, we have done lots of different activities including water sessions, navigation skills and lots more.

We have an amazing team with lots of assistants and 24 squirrels. I'm still learning with every session but different sections have been an amazing help.

Squirrels' Leader Liesl Villiers

Monday Beavers' report

We opened our new Beavers 2 section in January 2023 and we're very fortunate to have been led by Maggie as all of the leaders and Beavers were new.

We have enjoyed trips to the fire station and getting the train to Melton and walking back to the Scout Hut in the dark.

The highlight for all of us was going to the St George's Camp. We all enjoyed the activities available and our first overnight stay.

We have managed to get two permit holders for the power boats so we have managed to take the Beavers out on the river. We are looking forward to next term and are hoping to go on our first camping trip.

Our group numbers are gradually increasing and we will have 20 beavers in September.

Monday Beavers' Leader Laura Keer

Thursday Beavers' Report

We have had another fun-packed programme throughout the year! We have a steady number of 20 beavers with six leaders.

Throughout the year we have celebrated the Chinese New Year, learnt about space, showed off our musical talents, went on night walks and attended our first group camp!

The group camp was a big step for our Beavers, many of them had never been away for the night before, they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to future camps!!

Thursday Beavers' Leader Pippa Calver

Tuesday Cubs' report

I would firstly like to thank the Cub parents for their continued support and help with the Cub section and with 5WSS in general.

There are lots of things we couldn't do without your help and thanks for your patience with dropping off and picking up your children from what might seem random places!!

Over this period, the cubs have been working hard and a total of 189 badges have been awarded.

We continue to have a steady flow of Beavers to Cubs and Cubs to Scouts and Cub numbers average at about 26 per session.

We have been involved in District activities, Suffolk Punch Cubs Activity Day being one and we have been to Adastral Park to an event hosted by BT and University of Suffolk for the Cubs to work towards their Digital level 2 badge.

One of the great things about being a Cub leader is that we get opportunities to see and do things that we wouldn't normally have access to.

We have had more access to water activities over this period too thanks to kind tides and willing to help permit holders, hence an increase in our awards of water activity related badges.

Tuesday Cubs' Leader Maggie Ulph

Woden Cubs' Report

Well what a whirlwind first year for our pack. We have acquired three full time leaders and five Section Assistants and Occasional Helpers, all of which have children associated to 5WSS.

Two have recently received their Power Boat permits so we'll be taking advantage of this over the summer.

The addition of two Explorer/Young Leaders has been a valuable asset for all concerned and creates an extra layer of support for the Cubs.

These are young people nearing the end of their childhood scouting career and are keen to 'give something' back to the group.

Currently we have 27 Cubs and they are central in all we strive for; we aim to create a programme that is balanced, varied and focuses on a wide range of skills for life. We encourage their input and listen to the kinds of sessions they'd like to see on our programme and then sneak in some covert learning opportunities! Importantly, we don't let poorer weather scupper our focus on the great outdoors – we just prepare for it and enjoy nature as it is.

The Cubs have given up some of their weekends and evenings to enjoy multiple 'extra-curricular' activities; helping with an Eco-Warrior project, a King Charles Coronation Project, undertaking a Survival Swimming course, a Community

Conservation Project, a Rowing Fundraiser for 5WSS and shortly a river clean-up.

I am incredibly proud to say that we now have 10 young people who have attained their Chief Scout Silver Award with nine almost there! This is after just a year of scouting which is a massive achievement for them; our high rate of attendance demonstrates their focus and commitment to the organisation.

Woden enjoyed the local 5WSS joint camp, as well as meeting their wider 'scouting family' at District Camp where the young people saw they are part of a wider network of scouts and appreciate that their membership is a lifelong support network for them and spans the whole globe and not just their locale.

I would like to personally thank the parents of our Cubs – your engagement and involvement in our activities has been vital to our success. In addition, the support of the local Woodbridge/ Suffolk community has allowed for us to visit a number of interesting establishment (some of which would may not always open their doors) – so a thank you to Ipswich East Fire Station, Deben Community Farm, Stokes Sauces, BT, University of Suffolk, Sutton Hoo, RNLI and Royal Harwich Yacht Club.

Finally, thank you to Maggie Ulph at Tuesday Cubs for teaching us all she knows yet encouraging us to try new things out for the Cubs. Your 25 years as a Leader is invaluable and please continue imparting your knowledge.

As much as I and the leaders love what we do, it isn't about US, it's ALL about the young people. Cubs: we're in for a great year ahead!

Woden Cubs' Leader Daisy Bell

Perishers Scouts' report

The Perishers offered a full programme of activities this year, land and water based. We participated in whole group events like the St George's camp and benefited from the wider resources of the group.

Scouts continued to achieve badges and enjoy troop nights. Attendance has been consistent throughout the year, we have had some new Scouts join us many of whom have been invested, some on the water.

The Explorer leaders have been great in helping us provide opportunities to get on the water with no Friston access this year. Our leaders have engaged in training opportunities, some funded by the Royal Navy Association in courses ranging from power boating to mountain leadership.

A day hike in Rendlesham Forest was a highlight - Scouts said they enjoyed the independence of adventuring on their own in patrols.

The Monday Night scouts seem like a happy group of young people, we have a good mix of boys and girls and we are looking forward to three Scouts progressing to Explorers in September and four Cubs joining us.

There are a number of changes in leadership at the troop that will give us an opportunity to consolidate the foundational work done since we set up in 2022.

Perishers Scouts' leader Garath Symonds

Friday Scouts' report

It's been another busy year for Friday troop.

Thanks to Perisher troop establishing themselves, we have been able to reduce our troop numbers slightly this year, from 32 to 24- a conscious decision rather than a loss of interest.

This has made water activities throughout the spring and summer much more viable for us. For the first time in years, we have also welcomed a couple of new members from the waiting list. We continue to have a strong leadership team Including three fantastic young leaders, all of whom have ensured that we are able to offer our varied, high-quality programme.

We have continued to run Junior Officer training and selection sessions and are very pleased with our current group of JOs.

Throughout the year we have awarded a few more Chief Scout Gold Awards, the highest award available in the Scout Section, with a few more on the horizon. We have also promoted and awarded sections of the Youth Shaped Award as well as hundreds of other badges!

July saw us attend and support the annual Wet Weekend Camp after two years off due to Covid-19. We took 11 Scouts across both troops as participants, plus a young leader and a JO helper, who used their power boat qualifications to help us with safety cover.

We also provided our pulling boats and Oyster Catcher and lead Pulling for the event. Some of our leaders will be returning with our pulling boats in July 2023, but giving the scouts a weekend off due to all the other nights away opportunities they have had this year.

In August Scouts from both troops attended Suffolk Punch County camp at Hallowtree. Despite the relentless heat, we had a wonderful time participating in more activities than you could imagine - from abseiling to zorbing and everything in between.

October 2022 was the return of our Norfolk Broads adventure cruise. We spent four nights cruising the northern rivers of the Norfolk Broads; sailing, rowing, climbing church towers and adventuring. The weather was incredible and a great time was had by all. This was our fourth adventure cruise, and hopefully not our last. The Broads will always remain my favourite scout camp, as it does for many of our members as they regale to us years later!

As well as the annual events, we have also been very lucky to attend our very own group St. George's Camp in April and District Camp in May. This August we will be holding our Scout summer camp at Decoy Broad in Norfolk, with scouts from both troops attending. Adding all that up.... by September, scouts will have had the opportunity to spend over 20 nights away this year, not bad going really!

It's not just about camps though. We have spent many Fridays on the river this term covering power boating, sailing (when the weather allowed!), paddle boarding, canoeing, and kayaking. We also had a brilliant night playing on the lagoon at Shingle Street, followed by fire and smores, and we are looking forward to a joint beach BBQ with Monday troop to mark the end of term. Many of our scouts also supported the Row the Deben Fundraiser.

Earlier in the year, we covered a range of activities including Fire safety, FASK, and navigation skills. Scouts also worked on a badge of their choice; angler, communicator, street sports or photography. In December we were invited to Rock Barracks to complete our Mechanics badge with support from The Army.

As always, we would like to thank all our leaders, parent helpers and Young leaders for their highly valued support and assistance throughout the year. We really could not do what we do without you all.... and finally, well done to our Raft Team for winning back the trophy at the Regatta!

Friday Scouts' leader Nicola Tooke

Explorers' report

Explorers have continued a steady growth in membership and currently has 24 members.

We have completed a full programme of activities. Starting with Top Awards, seven Explorers have passed their Duke Of Edinburgh Bronze Award through their schools, these have been converted to Chief Scout Platinum Awards.

A further three Explorers have gained Duke of Edinburgh Silver and their Chief Scout Diamond Award.

Three Explorers have passed British Canoeing Instructor qualifications and Scout permits to lead water activities.

Two Explorers have also passed Royal Yachting Association Power Boat qualifications and also received Scout Activity permits.

A range of activities have been planned and carried out with Explorers helping in the planning and running to support their aspirations and activity permits.

These have included night time paddle sports. Explorers and Leaders helped to provide water activities to the Beavers and Cubs at Fristan Reservoir and Monday Scouts on the Deben.

We also provided a water activities development day to Leaders from 1st Oulton Broad Sea Scouts.

Explorers' leader Craig Finch

Network report

The Network section remains the quietest section. The Network is not a traditional activity section but was set up to keep contact with young members who have departed for university.

During their term breaks the members are invited back to help with water and land activities for the younger sections. In time these members may become the group leaders of the future.

3. Group policy and objectives

At the end of the period, cash reserves amounted to £11,851.93 after deduction for current liabilities due within the year. The Group's policy on reserves is to hold an amount sufficient to cover the essential running costs for the next six months and to budget for longer term maintenance and capital replacement to ensure the long term viability of the Group.

The executive committee has started a fund to pay for refurbishment/ replacement of the headquarters building. £39,827.25 has been reserved for this purpose.

The objectives of the Group are to follow the aims of the Scout Association to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential. The Group is a trust established under the rules of the Scout Association, which are common to all Groups/Districts. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organization & Rules of The Scout Association.

The accounts, which cover a 12 month period, have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31st March 2023

	This year	Previous year
Total receipts for the year (see page C7)	£48,497.51	£48,963.94
Total payments for the year (see page C8)	£51,857.05	£52,040.10
Net receipts (payments) for the year	(£3,359.54)	(£3,076.16)
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	£55,038.72	£58,114.88
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward (Net Monetary Assets, see page C9)	£51,679.18	£55,038.72

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 27/4/23 and signed on their behalf by

Jonathan Douse
Group Treasurer

Receipts for the year ended 31st March 2023

	This year	Previous year
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	£17,829.29	£13,384.90
District Fees refund	nil	nil
Less on line scout manager	(£363.49)	(£164.37)
Less Association fees paid	(£8,317)	(£5,518)
Total	**£9,148.80**	**£7,702.53**
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Bank Interest BPA a/c	£79.15	£3.20
DONATIONS/GRANTS		
HMRC Gift Aid	£3,416.71	£707.31
East Suffolk Council: Kate Yule locality grant boat/trailer	£1,000	£1,000
East Suffolk Council: Restart grant tent, tables and shelters	nil	£1,080
East Suffolk Council: Youth grant for Quest	nil	£1,500
Warm Rooms	£3,360	nil
Royal Navy for new boat	nil	£5,000
COVID Lockdown Grants	nil	£10,667
From donor for new boat	nil	£5,700
Mrs Rope paddle boards/quest	£800	£600
Frank Jackson Fund (hardship and new sections)	£5,000	nil
Woodbridge shufflers	£125	nil
Waitrose for tents	£500	nil
Amazon for Quest	nil	£1,401.96
Others donations (amazon/easy fundraising)	£264.96	£407.24
Waldringfield Boat yard for Rib	nil	£2,500
Ransomes for new HQ	£1,500	£1,500
Notcutts for new HQ	£1,000	£1,500
Parents/ donors for HQ	£1,150	£400
Hallett family for HQ	£4,000	nil
Total	**£22,116.67**	**£33,963.51**
ACTIVITIES	£10,049.08	£3,988.20
FUND RAISING	£3,526.31	£627.50
GRANT for Tea Pot project	nil	£200
RENT	£1,739	£1,898
SUNDRY RECEIPTS	£315	£111
Boat Insurance	£340	£470
Uniform/kit	£1,183.50	nil
Training	nil	nil
Total	**£1,838.50**	**£581**
Total receipts for the year	**£48497.51**	**£48963.94**

Payments for the year ended 31st March 2023

		This year	Previous year
PREMISES	Light/heat/water	£867	£722.18
	Insurance	£1,133.64	£868.10
	Repairs and renewals	£1,257.91	£1,802
	Covid PPE	nil	£34.29
	Boat shed repairs	nil	£302.93
	Total	**£3,258.55**	**£3,729.50**
BOATS	Insurance	£2,861.51	£2,834.36
	New paddle boards	nil	£2,844.30
	New Dock	nil	£2,500
	Oyster catcher	nil	£10,000
	New Rib	nil	£1,6570
	Quest	£7,426.67	nil
	Kayak trailer	£1,740	nil
	Repairs and renewals	£4,039.32	£2,973.86
	Total	**£16,067.50**	**£37,722.52**
ACTIVITIES	Warm Rooms	£466.36	nil
	Day to day section running	£1,852.61	nil
	Activities	£10,256.51	£3,707.43
	Equipment	£1,090.17	£2,516.08
	Total	**£13,665.65**	**£6,223.51**
	FUND RAISING EXPENSES	£753.41	£573.97
	ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES	nil	£48.55
	TEA POT project	nil	£200
	Training	£860	£449
	Personal group insurance	£52	£42
	Total	**£912**	**£691**
	PURCHASE OF BADGES/BOOKS	£2420.53	£560.06
	SUNDRY PAYMENTS		
	Miscellaneous	£47.37	£95
	Uniform/life jackets	£2,115	£2,396.99
	Total	**£2,162.37**	**£2,490.99**
NEW HQ PROJECT	Feasibility study	£3,000	nil
	Planning expenses	£5,186.20	nil
	Foundations	£3,860.84	nil
	Archaeology	£570	nil
	Total	**£12,617.04**	**nil**
	Total payments for the year	**£51,857.05**	**£52,040.10**

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31st March 2023

		This year	Previous year
MONETARY ASSETS	Bank Current Account(s) R&P A/C	4123.42	8217.56
	'Subs' A/C	10476.51	3416.70
	'Fund Raising' A/C	nil	3481.40
	Bank Deposit Account(s)	37079.25	39923.06
	Cash in Hand (Petty Cash A/C)	nil	nil
	Other monetary assets	nil	nil
	Investment assets	nil	nil
	Net Monetary Assets (see page C4)	**51679.18**	**55038.72**
NON-MONETARY ASSETS FOR CHARITY'S OWN USE	Land and buildings (insurance valuation)	396699	341393
	Boats and marine equipment (insurance valuation)	69735	57146
	Scouting equipment (insurance valuation)	42175	39539
	Total	**508609**	**438078**
LIABILITIES THOSE DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	Cheques issued, not yet presented	nil	nil
	Expenses incurred not yet invoiced	nil	nil
	Total	**nil**	**nil**
	Liabilities those payable after one year	nil	nil
	Contingent liabilities and future obligation	nil	nil

Independent examiner's report

I report to the trustees of 5th Woodbridge Sea Scouts (charity number 268265) on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023.

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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Date: 12 September, 2023

Name: Richard Short FCCA

Professional Qualifications: Chartered Certified Accountant

Address: 20 Hercules Road, Rendlesham, Suffolk IP12 2GP

Budget for the 12month period to 31st March 2023: Essential running costs

	Association fees	£8,700
PREMISES	Light/heat/water	£1,000
	Insurance	£1,200
	Repairs and Renewals (Note 1)	£1,000
	Total	**£3,200**
BOATS	Insurance	£2,900
	Running costs, Repairs and Renewals (Note 2)	£2,500
	Total	**£5,400**
	Admin/establishment expenses	£50
	Trustees' expenses	nil
OTHER EXPENSES	RN inspection	nil
	Personal accident insurance	£52
	Training	£500
	Total	**£552**
PURCHASE OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	Tents and camping equipment	£1,000
	Purchase of badges/books	£2,300
SUNDRY PAYMENTS	Miscellaneous	nil
	Day to day activities	£2,500
	Total essential running costs for the year	**23,702**

Note 1- essential repairs and health and safety expenditure.
Note 2 – includes mooring fees, essential servicing and maintenance of existing boats and motors.

Estimated income for year

Subscriptions	£18,750
Gift Aid	£5,000
Rent of hall/parking	£2,000
Uniform/t-shirts	£1,000
Fundraising	£1,000
Total	**£27,750**

Appendix A

Accounts relating to Debenside Explorer Unit
Lloyds Bank
Sort code 309985
Account 5101676

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31st March 2023

		This year	Previous year
MONETARY ASSETS: CASH, BANK AND SIMILAR FUNDS	Bank Current Account(s) R&P A/C	£622.14	£622.14
	Cash in hand (petty cash A/C)	nil	nil
	Net monetary assets	**£701.64**	**£622.14**
	Other monetary assets	nil	nil
	Investment assets	nil	nil
NON-MONETARY ASSETS FOR CHARITY'S OWN USE	Land and buildings (insurance valuation)	nil	nil
	Boats and marine equipment (insurance valuation)	nil	nil
	Scouting equipment (insurance valuation)	nil	nil
LIABILITIES THOSE DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	Cheques issued, not yet presented	nil	nil
	Expenses incurred not yet invoiced	nil	nil
	Total	**nil**	**nil**
	Liabilities those payable after one year	nil	nil
PAYMENTS	Fundraising	nil	nil
	Receipts for activities	£6,218.56	£4,472.17
	Receipts for subs	£45	£45
	Payments for kit	nil	nil
	Payments for activities	(6184.06)	(4327.95)
	Net receipts (payments)	**79.5**	**189.22**

Transactions relating to Debenside Explorer unit included in 5th Woodbridge accounts during year 31st March 2021

	This year	Previous year
Subscriptions collected from Explorers	£2,115	£2,700
Association fees	(£1,065)	(£1,157)
Online Scouts Manager	(£43)	(£43)
Badges	£14.62	nil
New tents contributions	£315	nil
Camp costs	nil	(£171.52)
Use of hall and equipment	(£1,336.62)	(£1,328.48)
Balance	**nil**	**nil**

5TH WOODBRIDGE SEA SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 268625

Accounts

Report & Accounts for the 12 month period ended 31st March 2022

THE 5TH WOODBRIDGE (SEA SCOUT) GROUP

GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Group Scout Leader	Mr B Hayter
Group Executive Chairman	Mr M Bell
Group Secretary	Dr N Notcutt
Group Treasurer	Dr J Douse
Scout Leader	Mrs N Tooke
Cub Scout Leader and Deputy GSL	Mrs M Ulph
Beaver Leader	Ms S. Ngassa
Explorer Scout Leader	Ms. J. Stone
Membership Secretary	Dr N Notcutt
Beaver Parent Representative	Mr H Banhm
Cub Parent Representative	Mr M Davies
Quartermaster	Mr M Davies
Bosun	Mr D Russell
Scout Parent Representative	Mr B Whittle
Fundraising Coordinator	Mrs J Perry

TRUSTEES: Elected

Group Scout leader	Mr B Hayter
Group Executive Chairman	Mr M Bell
Group Secretary	Dr N Notcutt
Group Treasurer	Dr Jonathan Douse
Scout Leader	Mrs N. Tooke
Cub Scout Leader	Mrs. M. Ulph
Beaver Leader	Ms S Ngassa

BANKERS: BARCLAYS BANK PLC, Woodbridge Business Centre, Suffolk Coastal Group
4 Church Street, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 1DJ

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES: None

OTHER ADVISERS: None

Group Registration Number with The Scout Association: 40674

Charity Registration Number: 268625

Royal Navy Registration Number: 93

Contact Name and Address: Group Executive Chairman, 5th Woodbridge (Sea Scout) Group
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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
For the 12month period ended 31st March 2022

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

GROUP SCOUT LEADERS REPORT– Barrie Hayter Group Scout Leader

5th Woodbridge Sea Scouts have grown both in capacity and capability this year. The group opened a new Scouts section in January with 7 new leaders. With 16 new youth members we plan to grow this to 28 over the coming year. All other sections are at capacity.

Coming out of lockdowns has been difficult but the section teams have been amazing and are working hard to recover lost time and teach our young people #skillsforlife. Two of our leadership team were nominated for Merit Awards and were awarded them in 2022.

The group worked extremely hard on grant applications and making sure we maximised the COVID grants that were available. We purchased new outdoor shelters, tables and benches and 4 new patrol tents all with grants from local organisations. The group also purchased a brand new RIB to use as our safety boat and a floating dock to keep it out of the water. We were also donated a trailer with 10 kayaks and 4 open canoes from a local water sports centre. The group now has all of the water capability it requires and will concentrate on building fund raising for the next few years.

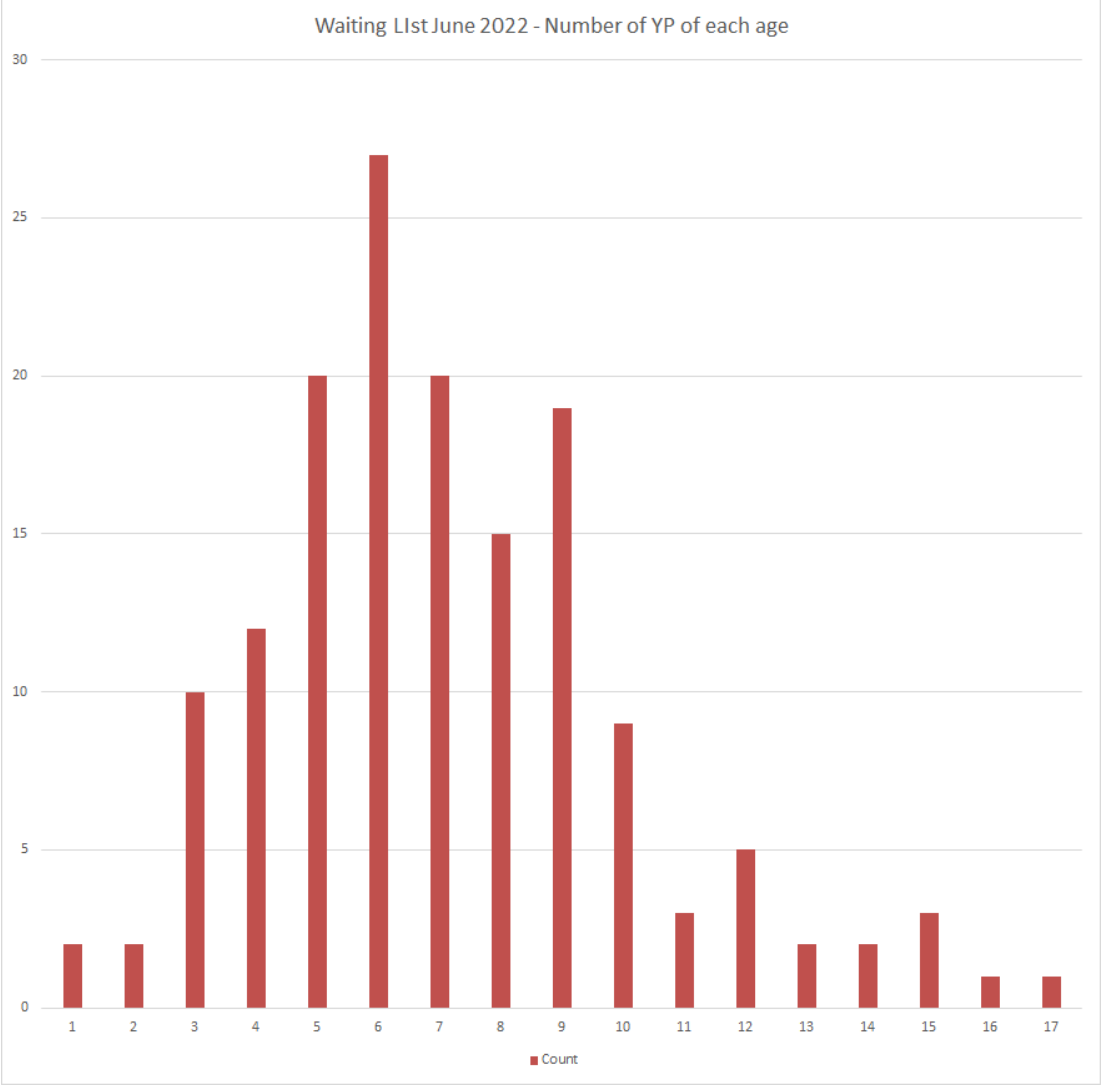
The new building plans are progressing and we are looking to use shipping containers modified locally by the owner of Eversons boat yard. This will reduce the build costs and amount of time the hut is not available.

The group is continuing to work closely with Woodbridge Town Council, East Suffolk District council, County Council and many other local groups.

In June 2022 we celebrated our 50th Year and had all youth and adult members on the water at the same time. The day was a great success and shows just how much support we have.

The waiting list is sitting at around 150 youth members across ages 0-17. The below graph and table show the age distribution and how long they have been on the waiting list. We have had 112 join the waiting list in the last 12 months showing a real demand for extra sections. The group plans to open a Cubs section in September 2022 and a new Squirrels and Beavers Section in 2023. Once all sections are open our youth membership will be over 200.

Length On waiting list	Count Of all	Count of kids old enough to join
0 to 0.5	60	44
0.5 to 1	52	42
1 to 1.5	28	23
1.5 to 2	7	3
2 to 3	3	2
3+	3	2



The group has a full and active Exec Team who also work incredibly hard to ensure the funds, equipment and capability are available to support the section leaders in delivering an awesome quality program.

I would like to thank everyone involved with the group as without all of the support we would not be in such a strong position.

BEAVER SCOUT REPORT – Pippa Calver Beaver Leader

We've had another successful year with our Beavers. It was fantastic to have some normality after doing the zoom sessions we ran throughout lockdown.

This year the Beavers have enjoyed activities like orienteering, jubilee crafts, making boats & sailing them on our local boat pond! They have also enjoyed the water sessions were we went to in a local reservoir. All these activities contributed to them gaining badges such as "Creativity" "Explore" and ."Sports"

We have a fun filled programme going forward into the Autumn term which we are all looking forward to.

CUB SCOUT REPORT – Maggie Ulph, Cub Scout Leader

We have had a full year of activities indoors and outdoors and very notably free of covid restrictions. What a difference a year on this has been to the two years before. We have had a very successful cub camp post covid 5 days and 4 nights away at Hallowtree and opportunities for plenty of water activities which is reflected in the badge awards:
X 18 Paddle sport
X2 Sailing
X31 time on the water
All in all, we have awarded 256 Badges including x1 Chief Scout Silver.

Cubs are the middle section so we see first hand the movements through the sections as Beavers move up to us when 8 and Cubs up to Scouts when about 10 and a half. This year we have had 13 investitures into Cubs. We currently have 28 Cubs, 3 young leaders and 8 leaders.
The exciting news for us is that a second 5WSS cub section will be starting on September 14th on a Wednesday evening and they will be working in tandem with the Tuesday night cubs programme.
These are children that have been on our waiting list for a long time. They will have their own leaders from volunteers (mostly from the parents of children who will form our new cub section) and we very much look forward to getting the two sections together at some points during the terms so that they can get to know each other. I would like to say a big thank you to the Cub parents for being so very supportive of what we do. We couldn't do half as much of what we do without your active support, so thank you all.

SCOUT REPORT (Friday section) - Nicola Day, Scout Leader

After surviving the restrictions of COVID-19, we are well and truly back in the game!

Friday troop numbers have remained steady at 32 Scouts and we currently have 3 fantastic Young Leaders. We continue to have a strong leadership team who have ensured that we are able to offer our varied, high-quality programme. We have also welcomed two Ukrainian refugees to our troop, with help from one of our parents who is in interpreter.

We have continued to run Junior Officer training and selection sessions and are very pleased with our current group of JO's. Throughout the year we have awarded a few more Chief Scout Gold Awards, the highest award available in the Scout Section, with a few more on the horizon. We have also awarded what we believe to be the first complete Youth Shaped Award in the country (well done Nina!), as well as hundreds of other badges!

Summer '21 was the return of a real Summer camp! We spent a week near Boyton going back to basics; digging long drop toilets, hiking, preparing pigeons and rabbits for dinner, boating (of course) and having many an adventure. It was brilliant to be back to something like normal. Whilst some Scouts struggled being away from home after lockdown, the vast majority had a fantastic week. We also used our brand-new ridge tents, which we love very much.

July '22 saw us attend and support the annual Wet Weekend Camp after two years off due to Covid-19. We took 11 Scouts across both troops as participants, a Young Leader, and a JO helper, who used their Power boat qualifications to help us with safety cover. We also provided our pulling boats and Oyster Catcher and lead Pulling for the event.

In August we will be attending the County Suffolk Punch Camp with Monday Troop, with around 32 youth members attending. In October we will be embarking on our 4th Norfolk Broads Adventure Cruise (and we can't wait!).

We have spent almost every week this term on the water, both at Friston and on the river. Earlier in the year, we covered a range of activities including First Aid, FASK,

and worked on areas of our World Challenge. This included a visit to Ipswich Wheelchair Basketball club at Northgate Sports Centre and inviting Grandparents to the hut to play board games.

As always, we would like to thank all our leaders, parent helpers and Young leaders for their highly valued support and assistance throughout the year. We really could not do what we do without you all.

SCOUT REPORT(Monday section) Gareth Symonds Scout Leader

5th Woodbridge Sea Scouts (Perishers Troop) was launched at the beginning of this year. Named after the Royal Navy Submariners Command Course we have got off to a great start. We have 16 committed scouts and a team of seven leaders, many new to scouting and scout leadership. The scouts have enjoyed a range of scouting activities and are having lots of fun. Looking forward we aim to have all the scouts in uniform and invested by September. Setting up a new troop has had its challenges and would not have been possible without the support from Group Scout Leader, Assistant Group Scout Leader and the Friday Troop Leader. On reflection, if we were to do this again, seconding an experienced Scout leader for the first six months could be helpful. We aim to take more scouts next academic year and we are proud to be part of 5th Woodbridge.

EXPLORER SCOUT REPORT – Jane Stone, Explorer Scout Leader

This year it was great to finally get back to face to face scouting.
Summer camp was very different this year as the place we normally go to in Cornwall was closed and there was very little availability at any campsite. In the end we had a very relaxed camp at Thriftwood with lots of whittling round a fire. Menu was planned by the explorers and we had some excellent food and different to the usual camp bolognaise. A hammock city was built over the first few days with everyone sleeping out one night and 2 for the entire week. A trip to Lee Valley white water rafting was a highlight of the week.
After the summer break we started off the year with 3 back to back weekends of water activities culminating in a session with assessing instructors available.
4 permits to lead and 2 personal permits were issued which is a great performance considering how little time we have had on the water and a real testament to the time spent on the water in scouts.

Explorer Leaders also couldn’t wait to get more scouting in so organised another camp in October for Younger explorers and older scouts. Over 70 Youth attended and was well supported by leaders across the district.

We rounded off the year with a trip to Comic con in London, a chilly kayak to Ufford, some Chrsitmas crafts and a cooking competition among other things

The First half of the year has been a welcome return to more normal scouting after the last 2 years

Highlights were a cardboard sleep out for centrepoint a homeless youth charity, Axe throwing and of course the return of the annual Cub and Beaver Easter Egg hunt.

We took full advantage of the time at Friston and assisted the other sections with getting on the water.
Once again our Offshore powerboating was frustrated by the weather but we did manage to get out on the Orwell for some different experience. We all thoroughly enjoyed the 5th at 50 celebrations and have managed to spend a great amount of time on the water due in no small part to the huge investment in kit from the group which has made planning a session with the leader cover available so much easier.
Our thanks to the GSL and Exec for their tireless efforts.

NETWORK REPORT

The Network Section remains the quietest section. The Network is not a traditional activity section but was set up to keep contact with young members who have departed for university, during their term breaks the members are invited back to help with water and land activities for the younger sections. In time these members may become the Groups Leaders of the future.

GROUP POLICY AND OBJECTIVES

At the end of the period, cash reserves amounted to ***£11,634.12*** after deduction for current liabilities due within the year. The Group's policy on reserves is to hold an amount sufficient to cover the essential running costs for the next 6 months and to budget for longer term maintenance and capital replacement to ensure the long term viability of the Group.

The executive committee has started a fund to pay for refurbishment/ replacement of the headquarters building, £39,923.06 has been reserved this purpose.

The executive committee has also reserved £3481.40 given in grants for new boats and repairs to the boat shed for this purpose.

The objectives of the group are to follow the aims of the Scout Association to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential. The Group is a trust established under the rules of the Scout Association, which are common to all Groups/Districts. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organization & Rules of The Scout Association.

The accounts, which cover a 12 month period, have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

Approved by the trustees on 7/7/22

5TH WOODBRIDGE (SEA SCOUT) GROUP

Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31st March 2022

	This year	Previous Year
Total receipts for the year (see page C7)	**48963.94**	**41,791.55**
Total payments for the year (see page C8)	**52040.10**	**21,949.03**
Net receipts (payments) for the year	**(3076.16)**	**19842.52**
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	**58114.88**	**38272.36**
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward (Net Monetary Assets, see page C9)	**£55038.72**	**£58114.88**

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees

on 7/7/22 and signed on their behalf by

.....Jonathan Douse.....Group Treasurer

5TH WOODBRIDGE (SEA SCOUT) GROUP

Receipts for the year ended 31st March 2022

	This Year	Previous Year
	£	£
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	13384.90	4021.42
District Fees refund	nil	132
Less on line scout manager	(164.37)	(115)
Less Association fees paid	(5518) (note)	(8458) (note)
	7702.53	(4419.58)
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Bank Interest BPA a/c	3.2	7.20
	3.20	7.20
DONATIONS/GRANTS		
HMRC Gift Aid	707.31	3525.93
East Suffolk Council:		
Kate Yule locality grant boat/building	1000	1500
Restart grant tent, tables and shelters	1080	1275.18
Restart grant kayaks	nil	4893
Youth grant for Quest	1500	
Town Council	nil	614
Royal Navy for new boat	5000	5000
COVID Lockdown Grants	10667	20708
From donor for new boat	5700	1814.50
Mrs Rope paddle boards	600	nil
Ransomes for new HQ	1500	nil
Notcutts for new HQ	1500	nil
Amazon for Quest	1401.96	nil
Waldrignfield Boat yard for Rib	2500	nil
Parents for HQ	400	nil
Others	407.24	228.75
	33963.51	41,782.78
ACTIVITIES	3988.20	nil
FUND RAISING	627.50	371.09
GRANT for Tea Pot project	200	3079.36
RENT	1898	492

SUNDRY RECEIPTS	`	111	
Boat Insurance		470	476.20
Training		nil	nil
		581	478.70

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR £48963.94 £41,791.55

(note) association fees 2020 were billed on 31/3/20 and were paid in tax year 20-21 (£4180).

5TH WOODBRIDGE (SEA SCOUT) GROUP

Payments for the year ending 31st March 2022

	This Year	Previous Year
	£	£
PREMISES		
Light/Heat/Water	722.18	957.67
Insurance	868.10	752.59
Repairs and Renewals	1802	1438.93
COVID PPE	34.29	814.35
Boat shed repairs	302.93	1362.13
	3729.50	5325.67
BOATS		
Insurance	2834.36(note)	3783.88 (note)
New Kayaks	nil	5995.94
New paddle boards	2844.30	nil
New Dock	2500	nil
Oyster catcher	10,000	nil
New Rib	16570	nil
Repairs and Renewals	2973.86	1644.63
	37722.52	11424.45
DONATIONS/GRANTS	nil	nil
ACTIVITIES		
Activities	3707.43	318.65
Equipment (new tables and shelters)	2516.08	1172.18
	6223.51	1490.83
FUND RAISING EXPENSES	573.97	231.99
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES	48.55	nil
TRUSTEES EXPENSES	nil	nil
OTHER EXPENSES		
TEA POT project	200	2679.36
RN Inspection	nil	nil
Training	449	105
Personal Group insurance	42	42
	691	2721.36
PURCHASE OF BADGES/BOOKS	560.06	542.24
SUNDRY PAYMENTS		
Miscellaneous	95	18.24
Uniform/Life Jackets	2395.99	194.25
	2490.99	212.49

TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR £52040.10

£21,949.03 Note boat insurance includes costs for 2021 and 2022 in last year

5TH WOODBRIDGE (SEA SCOUT) GROUP

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2022

	This Year £		Previous Year £	
MONETARY ASSETS				
Cash, bank and similar funds				
Bank Current Account(s) R&P A/C	8217.56			24,791.08
'Subs' A/C	3416.70		8621.80	
'Fund Raising' A/C	3481.40		6452.37	
Bank Deposit Account(s)	39923.06		18249.63	
Cash in Hand (Petty Cash A/C)	nil		nil	
Net Monetary Assets (see page C4)	55038.72			58114.88
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS	nil		nil	
INVESTMENT ASSETS	nil		nil	
NON-MONETARY ASSETS for Charity's own use				
Land and buildings (insurance valuation)	341,393			323289
Boats and marine equipment (insurance valuation)	57146			39276
Scouting equipment (insurance valuation)	39539		29361	
	438,078		391926	
LIABILITIES those due within one year				
Cheques issued, not yet presented	nil		nil	
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced	nil		nil	
	nil		nil	
LIABILITIES those payable after one year	nil		nil	
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS: None			None	

Independent examiners report

I report to the trustees of 5th Woodbridge Sea Scouts (charity number 268265) on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021.

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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Date: 30/6/22

Name: Richard Short FCCA

Professional Qualifications: Chartered Certified Accountant

Address: 20 Hercules Road, Rendlesham, Suffolk IP12 2GP

Budget* for the 12month period to 31st March 2023
Essential Running Costs

	£		
ASSOCIATION FEES	6000		
PREMISES			
Light/Heat/Water		1000	
Insurance	900		
Repairs and Renewals (Note 1)		2000	
	3900		
BOATS			
Insurance	2800		
Running costs, Repairs and Renewals (Note 2)			2200
			5000
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES	80		
TRUSTEES EXPENSES	nil		
OTHER EXPENSES			
RN Inspection		nil	
Personal accident insurance		45	
Training	400		
	445		
PURCHASE OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT			
Tents and camping equipment		1500	
PURCHASE OF BADGES/BOOKS	600		
SUNDRY PAYMENTS			
Miscellaneous		nil	
ACTIVITIES (note 3)		1000	

TOTAL ESSENTIAL RUNNING COSTS FOR THE YEAR: £18525

Note 1- essential repairs and Health &Safety expenditure.
Note 2 – includes mooring fees, essential servicing and maintenance of existing boats and motors.
Note 3 Scouting activities should be self-financing but have run at a deficit in previous years. In 2018-19 activities ran a deficit of £1015. In 2017-18 activities ran a deficit of £926.73. 2019-20 deficit £589

ESTIMATED INCOME FOR YEAR

SUBSCRIPTONS	13500	
Gift Aid	3700	
	17200	
DONATIONS / GRANTS		
Rent of hall/ parking		2000
UNIFORM/ T-SHIRTS		300
FUNDRAISING	1000	

TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME FOR THE YEAR (note 6): £20500

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Appendix A
Accounts relating to Debenside Explorer Unit

Lloyds Bank
Sort code 309985
Account 5101676

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2022

	This Year £		Previous Year £	
MONETARY ASSETS				
Cash, bank and similar funds				
Bank Current Account(s) R&P A/C		622.14		432.92
Cash in Hand (Petty Cash A/C)		nil		nil
Net Monetary Assets		622.14		432.92
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		nil		nil
INVESTMENT ASSETS		nil		nil
NON-MONETARY ASSETS for Charity's own use				
Land and buildings (insurance valuation)		nil		nil
Boats and marine equipment (insurance valuation)		nil		nil
Scouting equipment (insurance valuation)		nil		nil
		nil		nil
LIABILITIES those due within one year				
Cheques issued, not yet presented		nil		nil
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced		nil		nil
		Nil		nil
LIABILITIES those payable after one year		nil		nil
Fundraising		nil		20.15
Receipts for activities		4472.17		70
Receipts for subs		45		95
Transfer to 5WSS for subs		nil		(95)
Payments for kit		nil		nil
Payments for activities		(4327.95)		(248.88)
Net receipts (payments)		189.22		(158.73)

Transactions relating to Debenside Explorer unit included in 5th Woodbridge accounts during year 31st March 2021:

Subscriptions collected from Explorers	2700	590
Association fees	(1157)	(1980)

Online scouts manager	(43)	(43)
Badges	nil	nil
Camp costs	(171.52)	
Use of hall and equipment	1328.48	nil
Balance	nil	(1433)

Note association fees billed on 31/3/20 were £880 and were paid in tax year 20-21

5TH WOODBRIDGE SEA SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 268625

Accounts

Report & Accounts for the 12 month period ended 31st March 2021

THE 5TH WOODBRIDGE (SEA SCOUT) GROUP

GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Group Scout Leader	Mr B Hayter
Group Executive Chairman	Mr M Bell
Group Secretary	Dr N Notcutt
Group Treasurer	Dr J Douse
Scout Leader	Mrs N Tooke
Cub Scout Leader and Deputy GSL	Mrs M Ulph
Beaver Leader	Ms S. Ngassa
Explorer Scout Leader	Ms. J. Stone
Membership Secretary	Dr N Notcutt
Beaver Parent Representative	Mr H Banhm
Cub Parent Representative	Mr M Davies
Quartermaster	Mr M Davies
Bosun	Mr D Russell
Scout Parent Representative	Mr B Whittle
Fundraising Coordinator	Mrs J Perry

TRUSTEES: Elected

Group Scout leader	Mr B Hayter
Group Executive Chairman	Mr M Bell
Group Secretary	Dr N Notcutt
Group Treasurer	Dr Jonathan Douse
Scout Leader	Mrs N. Tooke
Cub Scout Leader	Mrs. M. Ulph
Beaver Leader	Ms S Ngassa

BANKERS: BARCLAYS BANK PLC, Woodbridge Business Centre, Suffolk Coastal Group
4 Church Street, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 1DJ

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES: None

OTHER ADVISERS: None

Group Registration Number with The Scout Association: 40674

Charity Registration Number: 268625

Royal Navy Registration Number: 93

Contact Name and Address: Group Executive Chairman, 5th Woodbridge (Sea Scout) Group
5-7 Tide Mill Way, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 1BY.

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
For the 12month period ended 31st March 2021

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

GROUP SCOUT LEADERS REPORT– Barrie Hayter Group Scout Leader

This year has been mostly been under lockdown but that has not stopped 5th Woodbridge Sea Scouts from delivering an amazing program. We have had camps at home, zoom sessions, Christmas and Easter displays. 80% of the group stayed with us once lockdown ended and we have back filled from the waiting list so still have 4 full sections.

The waiting list currently sits at 80 young people, we are checking that all young people wish to stay in the list and will be working with District, County and Regional teams to see if we can open new sections in the coming years.

The hut has been put to good use with the TeaPot Project food bank and AMEY using while the rail crossing was being upgraded. AMEY even purchased us a new trailer and landscaped the side area to say thankyou.

With new members joining the exec with experience in grant application we have had a very successful year obtaining grants to expand our capabilities and renovate the boat shed. 7 new adult kayaks, folding tables, folding benches and two new Colemans have been purchased for the group. We have secured £5000 from the Scouts/RN to purchase a new boat and along with the money we have raised from other sources we have the £10,000 required. This year we will be applying for another £5000 to purchase a new RIB to replace Satzooma.

Now that lockdown has come to an end we are back doing weekly sessions and extra weekend sessions. The dance school has started using the hut again. This should increase our income and allow spending on new kit to continue alongside saving for our new building.

The COVID grants and other work that the team have been doing means that in a year where many charities are struggling we have been able to secure funding and grants which has left us with a surplus.

BEAVER SCOUT REPORT – Sarka Ngassa Beaver Leader

Beavers are doing well enjoying lots of outside and indoor activities. I have had help from my assistant leaders Petra, Oli. We also had help from young leaders, Thomas, Oli, Sam and Aidan doing their Duke of Edinburgh award. Thank you for all support I couldn`t do it without you.
During the past year the Beaver Section had 24 Beavers, 1 Leader, 2 Assistant Leaders, young leaders, and a growing waiting list.

The Beavers have had another busy year, a varied and have worked towards a variety of badges, including the water activity badge, My world Challenge, Nautical skills Activity Badges as well as other activity badges.
After coming out of lock down the Beaver activities have included:-
campfire evenings,

· River walks, litter picking, visit to Deben community farm,

- Learning basic navigation skills, sports day

· Learning to cook and prepare food

- Learning new knots and making fire,

Learning basic boat skills

and many more exciting things to do

We also had great day with cubs on water. Thank you to Explorers with all that help to make this happen. Well done!

Due to Global pandemic of Covid 19 in last year it wasn't easy to make everything possible but thank to all that support from parents we all had great year of scouting.

CUB SCOUT REPORT – Maggie Ulph, Cub Scout Leader

I would like to start by thanking the parents for all their patience and support through the latter half of 2020 and into 2021. Between us, we managed to meet with cubs weekly every Tuesday evening on zoom, had a virtual camp in the summer of 2020 and the use of the Badges at Home scheme carried us through to Easter when finally, we were able to meet to face. We currently have 28 cubs, 4 leaders, 2 young leaders and since the last AGM in 2020 to present day, the cubs have been working hard and they have achieved the following:

- 241 badges awarded, including 4 Chief Scout Silver
- 10 Investitures
- Movement from Beavers to Cubs and Cubs to Scouts has been continuing throughout lockdown and to present day
- We had a great Summer Camp

SCOUT REPORT - Nicola Day, Scout Leader

Well, that was different. 2020 took us to the new world of Zoom and after a steep learning curve, we successfully delivered almost a whole year of online scouting to the troop and lost very few members, we even had a few new ones join us.

As well as weekly a programme consisting of a mixture of online interactive zoom sessions and offline scouting challenges linked to a wide variety of badges and scouting skills, we also hosted a couple of weekend "Camp@homes", took part in the national Scout "Hike to the Moon" fundraiser and the "Great Indoors Weekender". We also hosted a "Summer Camp@Home" with a whole week of activities and a home-delivered (socially distanced of course) camp pack. The week included night hikes, water activities, craft activities and an international

day with a live link to Japan and sushi making. It wasn't quite the same as a proper camp, but we were pretty proud of what our Scouts managed to achieve.

Finally, in April 2021, with masks to hand, the troop split in two, and more sanitizer than we ever thought possible, we were back to face-to-face "proper" scouting. Leaders and Scouts alike were relieved to be back despite the restrictions and it was brilliant to finally meet all our Scouts who had moved up to us whilst meeting online. The term consisted of plenty of team building, scout skills and water activities. It ended with the whole troop getting back together for a good old Mud Lark (as requested by the Scouts themselves!).

3 of our leaders also completed their safety training and passed their Paddle Permit assessments covering canoeing, kayaking and paddle boarding- just in time to make good use of our new boards and boats!

Over the past year, we have welcomed four new leaders to the team. Jess, Vicky, Rosie and George. All of whom have jumped straight on board and got stuck in. They are very much part of the team and we are very grateful.

The summer brings us the return of "proper" camping as we embark on our first camp in well over a year, the last one being the Norfolk broads Adventure cruise in October 2019. We have 19 Scouts attending and a jam-packed week of traditional camp activities and fun on the water.

Despite everything, we have also recently awarded a Chief Scout Gold Award to Oscar Hayter who has worked hard and fully deserves it and 5 other Chief Scout Gold awards to Scouts who have now moved on to Explorers. In total, 304 badges were awarded last year- not bad for online scouting!

Thank again to our fantastic leadership team, the parents who support us and of course, the Scouts themselves.

EXPLORER SCOUT REPORT – Jane Stone, Explorer Scout Leader

The last one has been an unusual one for everyone.

we put together a program of online activities, trying different things to see what would work.

Some Virtual reality events (Paintball and Laser Tag) A summer festival with Yoga, Crafts and an Explorer Band Headlining

At the end of the year we were allowed to meet face to face again and took the oportunity to get together at Hallowtree for a couple of evening of games and some time catching up around the fire.

then it was back to the Online world, a light program where we tried to stay in touch and look forward to when we could all be together again.

Since returning to face to face scouting we have focused on water activities and are looking forward to getting back out on the water in September.

Hopefully next years reports will be more extensive, We have lots planned and are looking forward to welcoming the new explorers from scouts.

Our numbers stand at 27 and we are proud to have kept you all with us.

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The Network Section remains the quietest section. The Network is not a traditional activity section but was set up to keep contact with young members who have departed for university, during their term breaks the members are invited back to help with water and land activities for the younger sections. In time these members may become the Groups Leaders of the future.

GROUP POLICY AND OBJECTIVES

At the end of the period, cash reserves amounted to ***£14142.75*** after deduction for current liabilities due within the year. The Group's policy on reserves is to hold an amount sufficient to cover the essential running costs for the next 6 months and to budget for longer term maintenance and capital replacement to ensure the long term viability of the Group.

The executive committee has started a fund to pay for refurbishment/ replacement of the headquarters building, £32,519.86 has been reserved this purpose.

The executive committee has also reserved £11452.37 given in grants for new boats and repairs to the boat shed for this purpose.

The objectives of the group are to follow the aims of the Scout Association to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential. The Group is a trust established under the rules of the Scout Association, which are common to all Groups/Districts. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organization & Rules of The Scout Association.

The accounts, which cover a 12 month period, have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

Approved by the trustees on 4/5/21

5TH WOODBRIDGE (SEA SCOUT) GROUP

Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31st March 2021

	This year	Previous Year
Total receipts for the year (see page C7)	**41,791.55**	28949.05
Total payments for the year (see page C8)	**21,949.03**	19414.17
Net receipts (payments) for the year	19842.52	9534.88
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	38272.36	28737.48
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward (Net Monetary Assets, see page C9)	**£58114.88**	**£38272.36**

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees

on 20/9/21 and signed on their behalf by

.....Jonathan Douse.....Group Treasurer

5TH WOODBRIDGE (SEA SCOUT) GROUP

Receipts for the year ended 31st March 2021

	This Year	Previous Year
	£	£
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	4021.42	10675.08
District Fees refund	132	nil
Less on line scout manager	(115)	(43)
Less Association fees paid	(8458) (note)	nil (note)
	(4419.58)	10632.08
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Bank Interest BPA a/c	7.20	20.21
	7.20	20.21
DONATIONS/GRANTS		
HMRC Gift Aid	5749.35	3525.93
East Suffolk Council:		
Kate Yule locality grant boat/building	1500	3966
Restart grant tables and shelters	1275.18	nil
Restart grant kayaks	4893	nil
Town Council	614	nil
Royal Navy for new boat	5000	nil
COVID Lockdown Grants	20708	nil
From donor for new boat	1814.50	nil
Others	228.75	1364.93
	41,782.78	8856.86
ACTIVITIES	nil	5111.97
FUND RAISING	371.09	3312.49
GRANT for Tea Pot project	3079.36	nil
RENT	492	nil
SUNDRY RECEIPTS		
Uniform/Life Jackets	2.50	406.61
Boat Insurance	476.20	581.70

Electric rebate	nil		27.13
Training	nil	nil	478.70
			1015.44

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR **£41,791.55** **£28,949.05**

(note) association fees 2020 were billed on 31/3/20 and were paid in tax year 20-21 (£4180).

5TH WOODBRIDGE (SEA SCOUT) GROUP

Payments for the year ending 31st March 2021

	This Year	Previous Year
	£	£
PREMISES		
Light/Heat/Water	957.67	809.41
Insurance	752.59	731.53
Repairs and Renewals	1438.93	1104.12
COVID PPE	814.35	nil
Boat shed repairs	1362.13	nil
	5325.67	2645.06
BOATS		
Insurance	3783.88 (note)	1701.87
New Kayaks	5995.94	nil
Repairs and Renewals	1644.63	3621.43
	11424.45	5323.30
DONATIONS/GRANTS	nil	nil
ACTIVITIES		
Activities	318.65	5740.64
Equipment (new tables and shelters)	1172.18	695.08
	1490.83	6435.72
FUND RAISING EXPENSES	231.99	716.38
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES	nil	nil
TRUSTEES EXPENSES	nil	nil
OTHER EXPENSES		
TEA POT project	2679.36	nil
RN Inspection	nil	nil
Training	nil	105
Personal Group insurance	42	42
	2721.36	147
PURCHASE OF BADGES/BOOKS	542.24	525.70
SUNDRY PAYMENTS		
Miscellaneous	18.24	50
Uniform/Life Jackets	194.25	1698.01
	212.49	1748.01
Planning permission (from new HQ account)	nil	1873

TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR £21,949.03

£19414.17 Note boat insurance includes costs for 2021 and 2022 in current year

5TH WOODBRIDGE (SEA SCOUT) GROUP

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2021

	This Year £	Previous Year £
MONETARY ASSETS		
Cash, bank and similar funds		
Bank Current Account(s) R&P A/C	24,791.08	13964.90
'Subs' A/C	8621.80	6742.39
'Fund Raising' A/C	6452.37	6283.40
Bank Deposit Account(s)	18249.63	11281.67
Cash in Hand (Petty Cash A/C)	nil	nil
Net Monetary Assets (see page C4)	58114.88	38272.36
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS	nil	nil
INVESTMENT ASSETS	nil	nil
NON-MONETARY ASSETS for Charity's own use		
Land and buildings (insurance valuation)	323289	322966
Boats and marine equipment (insurance valuation)	39276	33944
Scouting equipment (insurance valuation)	29361	29274
	391926	386184
LIABILITIES those due within one year		
Cheques issued, not yet presented	nil	5880.80
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced	nil	nil
	nil	5880.80
LIABILITIES those payable after one year	nil	nil
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS: None		None

Independent examiners report

I report to the trustees of 5th Woodbridge Sea Scouts (charity number 268265) on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021.

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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Date: 12/8/21

Name: Richard Short FCCA

Professional Qualifications: Chartered Certified Accountant

Address: 20 Hercules Road, Rendlesham, Suffolk IP12 2GP

Budget* for the 12month period to 31st March 2022
Essential Running Costs

	£		
ASSOCIATION FEES	4500		
PREMISES			
Light/Heat/Water		1000	
Insurance	760		
Repairs and Renewals (Note 1)		2000	
	3760		
BOATS			
Insurance	2100		
Running costs, Repairs and Renewals (Note 2)			1700
			3800
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES	80		
TRUSTEES EXPENSES	nil		
OTHER EXPENSES			
RN Inspection		nil	
Personal accident insurance		45	
Training	400		
	445		
PURCHASE OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT			
Tents and camping equipment		1500	
PURCHASE OF BADGES/BOOKS	600		
SUNDRY PAYMENTS			
Miscellaneous		nil	
ACTIVITIES (note 3)		1000	

TOTAL ESSENTIAL RUNNING COSTS FOR THE YEAR: £15685

Note 1- essential repairs and Health &Safety expenditure.
Note 2 – includes mooring fees, essential servicing and maintenance of existing boats and motors.
Note 3 Scouting activities should be self-financing but have run at a deficit in the last 3 years. In 2018-19 activities ran a deficit of £1015. In 2017-18 activities ran a deficit of £926.73. 2019-20 deficit £589

ESTIMATED INCOME FOR YEAR

SUBSCRIPTONS	10500	
Gift Aid (note 4)	700	
	11200	
DONATIONS / GRANTS		
Rent of hall/ parking		2000
UNIFORM/ T-SHIRTS		300
FUNDRAISING (note 5)	500	

TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME FOR THE YEAR (note 6): £14,000

Note 4: Gift aid is much less than in previous years. This is due to a marked reduction in fundraising activity and subscription income during the COVID lock down period 2020-21.
Note 5: The executive committee hope that social distancing relating to COVID rules will be relaxed in time for fundraising activity around Christmas 2021.
Note 6: Due to reduction in income from gift aid and fundraising**,** the executive committee expect to run a deficit in 2021-22. They expect to be able to have a balanced budget in 2022-23.
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Appendix A
Accounts relating to Debenside Explorer Unit

Lloyds Bank
Sort code 309985
Account 5101676

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2021

	This Year £		Previous Year £	
MONETARY ASSETS				
Cash, bank and similar funds				
Bank Current Account(s) R&P A/C		432.92		591.65
Cash in Hand (Petty Cash A/C)	nil		nil	
Net Monetary Assets		432.92		591.65
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS	nil		nil	
INVESTMENT ASSETS	nil		nil	
NON-MONETARY ASSETS for Charity's own use				
Land and buildings (insurance valuation)		nil		nil
Boats and marine equipment (insurance valuation)		nil		nil
Scouting equipment (insurance valuation)		nil		nil
	nil		nil	
LIABILITIES those due within one year				
Cheques issued, not yet presented		nil		nil
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced		nil		nil
	Nil		nil	
LIABILITIES those payable after one year		nil		nil
Fundraising		20.15		37.67
Receipts for activities	70		6706.62	
Receipts for subs		95		nil
Transfer to 5WSS for subs		(95)		nil
Payments for kit		nil		nil
Payments for activities	(248.88)		(6335.97)	
Net receipts (payments)		(158.73)		408.32

Transactions relating to Debenside Explorer unit included in 5th Woodbridge accounts during year 31st March 2021:

Subscriptions collected from Explorers	590	2250
Association fees	(1980)	nil

Online scouts manager	(43)	(43)
Badges	nil	nil
Use of hall and equipment	nil	
	(2207)	
Balance	(1433)	nil

Note association fees billed on 31/3/20 were £880 and were paid in tax year 20-21