



WYMONDLEY WOOD SCOUT AND GUIDE CENTRE

Charity No. 277746

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2021



This was another difficult and disappointing year for the Centre due to Covid restrictions. For a large part of the year the grounds and house were empty and missing the joy of young peoples' voices enjoying the excitement and adventure of Scout and Guiding activities. For the first three months the Centre was closed and it was not until 12 April 2021 that we opened up for outdoor and indoor (non-residential) activities. The opening for residential activities was delayed until 19 June 2021.

There was an immediate demand for outdoor activities but the opening up for residential visits came too late for schools which had booked for June so they changed to day visits instead. Also, many Scout and Guide groups were cautious about returning to residential activities so, although the Centre was fully booked for the rest of the year, many Groups dropped out at short notice.

All this had a serious negative impact on our income but we were fortunate enough to obtain some generous government support grants which went some way to offset this.

Due to lockdown restrictions, we were unable to hold an Annual General Meeting and we only held one face -to - face committee meeting.

Although the Centre was closed it was still necessary to keep up our programme of maintenance and repairs. We had successful working parties to undertake work both inside and outside. I would like to thank committee members and wardens who helped on these occasions.

Other maintenance and repairs included: -

- removing mould from the Plant Room walls and redecorating the room
- replacing a faulty gasket in the water boiler
- painting the outside of the main building and ablution block and replacing any faulty timber
- new double doors leading from the activity room to the patio

On a brighter note, new flag poles were installed at the front entrance and it was good to see flags flying from them throughout the summer.

I would like to thank all wardens for helping to keep an eye on the Centre during lockdown and their flexibility in undertaking their duties in uncertain times.

Final words of praise must go to members of the committee who ensured that all the routine tasks involved in the running of the Centre were carried out as well as the additional measures to ensure it was Covid safe. Extra vigilance was required but all the work was carried out in good spirit and ensured that the Centre reacted to changing Covid regulations with flexibility.

I would also like to acknowledge the co-operation we received from all the Scout and Guide visitors using the centre.

Bob Williams

Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre Chairman

Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Activity Centre
Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ending 31st December 2021

<u>Income</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Accommodation	£ 8,201.50	£ 4,576.00
Shop Sales	£ 174.95	£ 39.00
Archery	£ 112.50	
Government Grants	£ 18,974.00	£ 11,334.00
Sundry	<u>£ 100.16</u>	
	<u>£ 27,563.11</u>	<u>£ 15,949.00</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Rent	£ 7,590.00	£ 1,265.00
Insurance	£ 649.52	£ 631.00
Electricity	£ 415.07	£ 3,725.00
Gas	£ 26.47	£ 122.00
Water	£ 286.74	£ 476.00
Sewage & Waste	£ 1,956.63	£ 1,465.00
Maintenance & Repairs	£ 17,516.18	£ 9,490.00
Equipment	£ 331.00	£ 1,636.00
Postage & Stationery	£ 115.43	£ 40.00
Sundry	<u>£ 30.00</u>	<u>£ 21.00</u>
	<u>£ 28,917.04</u>	<u>£ 18,871.00</u>
Deficit For Year	<u>-£ 1,353.93</u>	<u>-£ 2,922.00</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2021

<u>Current Assets</u>	
Shop Stock	£ 1,100.00
Cash at Bank	£ 27,991.90
Total Assets	<u>£ 29,091.90</u>
<u>Current Liabilities</u>	
Sundry Creditors	£ 1,500.00
Accommodation Deposits	£ 1,150.00
Total Liabilities	<u>£ 2,650.00</u>
Capital Account	£ 26,441.90
R.C.Williams Chairman	D. Kell Treasurer

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES of
WYMONDLEY WOOD SCOUT & GUIDE CENTRE**

I report on the accounts of the Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 1 & 2.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given in the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirement

- to keep accounting records in accordance with s4 I of the Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act.

have not been met or

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

Signed



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