



WYMONDLEY WOOD SCOUT AND GUIDE CENTRE

Charity No. 277746

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2022



2022 was the year Wymondley Wood came back to life. After a slow start the summer months were very busy. Outdoor activity has an important impact on the mental health and physical well-being of young people so it was good to hear the voices and laughter of young people and see them playing on the field once again.

The figures below illustrate the extent of this activity.

	Groups in residence 1-6 nights	Camping 1-5 nights
Scouts	1	5
Guides	7	3
Cubs	8	5
Brownies	24	
Beavers	7	1
Rainbows	2	
Schools	11	6
Other	4	5
Day visits:	Schools and other	7
Evening visits:	Scouts/Guides	60

The summer evenings were particularly busy. In addition to our regular District events such as the Cub Sixers and Seconders weekend we also hosted County events such as the Great Patrol Hunt and Beavers in Tents (BiTs). 18 local schools enjoyed our facilities as well as Hertfordshire Young Carers and the Centre was a popular base for the Duke of Edinburgh award expeditions.

None of this would have been possible without the enormous amount of work undertaken by our management committee and wardens and our local Scout and Guide Leaders. All of this work is undertaken on a volunteering basis by a group of people with a belief in the ethos of the Scout and Guide movements and dedicated to developing the lives of young people.

During the year we required little help from the outside contractors. It was limited to installing LED lights in the ablution block, checking the wiring in Zone 2 of the fire alarm system and re-routing the sewage pipework from the girl's toilets. Even so there was a constant stream of work for our maintenance team using their skills to

put up clothes pegs in the ablution block, to repair floors, repair and paint outside furniture and remove graffiti from some bunks.

Each year GSK (Stevenage) give their employees a day off for volunteering work. We were very lucky to be offered the services of a team from their purchasing department. They applied two coats of paint to the paintwork below the dado rails throughout the building. We are very grateful to them for undertaking this work.

We have arranged working parties to tidy up both inside and outside. It is surprising how much can be achieved on a Saturday morning and how much better everything looks after their efforts. Thank you to everyone who has responded to appeals for help.

In the field the hedges have been cut. This is a very expensive operation and we were not able to achieve all that we had hoped to do.

We are very pleased with a new website which has been set up. It gives a good description of the Centre and goes on to include our risk assessments and booking form.

The shop did a good trade during the year. Young people like to spend their pocket money and our badges are very popular.

The management committee and wardens were joined by the ASU and local Trefoil Guild at a tea party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was enjoyed by all present. We intend to plant two trees to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Sadly, Mick Balls died just before Christmas. His service went back to the days of Norton Bury. He was a member of the management committee and a warden. He was part of our maintenance team and his practical skills saved us a considerable amount of money over the years. As a warden he enjoyed watching the young people at play and their Leaders welcomed his friendly and helpful personality.

In conclusion I must thank the Management Committee and Wardens for their contribution to the success of the Centre. I always say that the smoother something runs the more unseen work has gone on behind the scenes.

This is my final report and I am going into retirement after this meeting. I have enjoyed my time as Chairman and gained great satisfaction from the success of the Centre but, more than anything else, I have been inspired by the people around me and their comradeship. Everyone is so enthusiastic and confident in the work that they are doing and steadfast in their belief in the ethos of Scouting and Guiding.

It has been a privilege to serve alongside you.

Bob Williams

Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre Chairman

Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Activity Centre
Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ending 31st December 2022

<u>Income</u>	2022	2021
Accommodation	£ 31,626.85	£ 8,201.50
Shop Sales	£ 1,309.25	£ 174.95
Archery	£ 225.00	£ 112.50
Government Grants	£ 2,667.00	£ 18,974.00
Sundry	£ 100.16	£ 100.16
	<u>£ 35,828.10</u>	<u>£ 27,563.11</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Rent	£ 6,325.00	£ 7,590.00
Insurance	£ 718.52	£ 649.52
Electricity	£ 4,867.36	£ 415.07
Gas	£ 473.89	£ 26.47
Water	£ 204.44	£ 286.74
Sewage & Waste	£ 1,625.90	£ 1,956.63
Maintenance & Repairs	£ 14,038.75	£ 17,516.18
Equipment	£ 318.36	£ 331.00
Postage & Stationery	£ 163.76	£ 115.43
Shop Purchases	£ 856.16	
Sundry	£ 12.50	£ 30.00
	<u>£ 29,604.64</u>	<u>£ 28,917.04</u>
Surplus For Year	<u>£ 6,223.46</u>	<u>-£ 1,353.93</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022

<u>Current Assets</u>		
Shop Stock	£ 852.47	£ 1,100.00
Cash at Bank	£ 29,624.98	£ 27,991.90
Total Assets	<u>£ 30,477.45</u>	<u>£ 29,091.90</u>
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Sundry Creditors	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,500.00
Accommodation Deposits	£ 1,150.00	£ 1,150.00
Total Liabilities	<u>£ 2,650.00</u>	<u>£ 2,650.00</u>
Capital Account	£ 27,827.45	£ 26,441.90

R.C.Williams
Chairman

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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 2022 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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