

THE 3RD ALTON SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 279491

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1980-03-06

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

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

Activities: Training young people in scouting activities

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ALTON
- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£84,996	£80,398	-	-
2023-12-31	£61,997	£58,636	-	-
2022-12-31	£61,997	£58,636	-	-
2021-12-31	£64,825	£42,901	-	-
2020-12-31	£46,611	£25,123	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
RICHARD JONES	Chair	
Anna Louise Lavelle		2018-07-15
Fiona Dunford		2025-06-13
Helen Fletcher		2025-06-13
Jamie Curtis-Wood		2025-06-13
Katie Woodcock		2025-06-13
Matt Collins		

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Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

3rd Alton Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

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Chawton Park Road

Alton

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Richard Jones	Chair	
2	Matt Collins	Group Scout Leader	
3	Andy Fry	Treasurer	
4	Michele Grinstead	Secreatary	
5	Robert Brook		Until 21/06/2024
6	Anna Lavelle		
7	Paul Richardson		Unil 21/06/2024
8	Jo Wright		Until 21/06/2024
9	Philip McKenzie		
10	Nico Russell		From 21/06/2024
11	Sarah McKenzie		From 21/06/2024
12	Paul Gray		
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

Policies and procedures adopted for:

a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

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

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

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every # months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Section B**Structure, governance and management (continued)****Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1)**

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

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Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 2)

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Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values: Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others. Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate

	with others and make friends. The Scout Method Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and: - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	The group has 8 sections; 1 Squirrel Drey, 2 Beaver Colonies, 2 Cub Packs, 2 Scout Troops & 1 Explorer Unit. Approx 150 members across all of the sections. The group has a broad range of activities with badges being awarded to recognise the participants achievements. Sleepovers and Camps are arranged, with the Scouts & Explorers attending overseas camps and Jamborees. Camp fires and cooking are favourite activities. All sections have arranged activities to make an impact on the local area and to provide personal challenges.
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Public benefit statement	The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D	Achievements and performance
Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	Progress has been made with the building extension and we were able to gain planning permission. The group is still working towards fundraising the required amount of money for the new build. We have also been focusing efforts on refreshing our current facilities, by installing new double glazing windows, security doors, heating. We are also pleased to see an increase in membership numbers in the group.

Section E	Financial Review
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	Reserves Policy The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £10000. Future Group Project 3rd Alton Scout Group Executive Committee is actively involved in fundraising and planning an extension to our current facilities. This means that we have a sum of money that is being held in order to aid fundraising and grant activities for our extension.
Quantify and explain any designations	
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	None
Further financial review details (optional information)	
You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about: - the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); - how expenditure has supported the key - investment policy and objectives;	
Section F	Other Optional Information
Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)	
Section G	Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Richard Jones	Matt Collins
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Chair	Group Scout Leader
Date	181025	

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

3rd Alton Scout Group

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Cash Basis

	2024	2023
1. Statement of Assets & Liabilities		
Group		
Main bank account	3,019.21	4,299.33
BIA	83,497.71	84,661.12
Subs Account	13,329.34	4,740.07
Deposit Account (New)	2,912.02	2,873.15
Total Group	102,758.28	96,573.67
Held by Sections		
Beaver Account	703.75	520.03
Cubs Account	841.01	1,014.86
Scout Account	2,268.85	3,840.87
Explorer Account	1,755.09	1,779.42
Total Held by Sections	5,568.70	7,155.18
Total Statement of Assets & Liabilities	108,326.98	103,728.85

Receipts

3rd Alton Scout Group

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Cash Basis

	2024	2023
1. Receipts		
Group		
Kit Hire	2,203.25	-
Uniform Income	-	57.00
Hall Rental	14,143.79	13,490.00
Gift Aid	5,033.25	3,950.88
Shop Income	1,001.48	1,612.51
Subscriptions received	22,503.49	18,532.18
Donations	20,925.17	11,396.09
Grants	500.00	900.00
Interest	1,237.19	872.04
Fundraising Income	48.00	3,154.55
Total Group	67,595.62	53,965.25
Sections		
Beaver Section Account Income	1,004.00	2,691.51
Cub Section Account Income	2,469.00	4,528.90
Scout Section Account Income	8,638.10	6,054.98
Explorer Section Account Income	5,289.27	2,263.50
Total Sections	17,400.37	15,538.89
Total Receipts	84,995.99	69,504.14

Payments

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For the year ended 31 December 2024

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	2024	2023
1. Payments		
Group		
Consumables	91.13	333.70
Uniform Expenditure	214.98	357.50
Gocardless & Stripe Fees	797.15	614.68
Shop Costs	15.90	1,201.21
Capitation	8,195.00	7,728.00
Admin	1,193.19	1,048.83
Utilities	4,841.64	6,724.23
Repairs/Maintenance	12,164.03	6,285.98
Insurance	2,245.74	2,219.67
Badges	2,524.39	2,106.57
Training	-	22.80
Cleaning Supplies	952.91	1,111.54
Building Project	16,437.00	7,488.00
Section Costs	118.00	9.25
Equipment	11,612.06	3,609.72
Fundraising Expenses	-	2,622.15
Total Group	61,403.12	43,483.83
Sections		
Beaver Section Account expenditure	1,649.28	3,098.66
Cub Section Account Expenditure	3,258.85	5,039.56
Scout Section Account Expenditure	13,030.45	5,840.73
Explorer Section Account Expenditure	1,056.16	1,454.67
Total Sections	18,994.74	15,433.62
Total Payments	80,397.86	58,917.45

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 3rd Alton Scouts

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on the attached Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

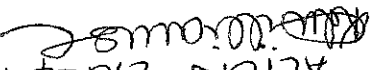
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention: (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act
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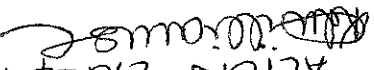
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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) 0 1 0 1 2 3 to end date 3 1 1 2 2 3

Section A

Reference and administration details

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Other names the charity is known by

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	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
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2	Ali Silvester	Secretary	Until 23/06/2023
3	Michele Grinstead	Secretary	From 23/06/2023
4	Lucia Comry	Treasurer	Until 23/06/2023
5	Andy Fry	Treasurer	From 23/06/2023
6	Matthew Collins	Group Scout Leader	
7	Anna Lavelle		
8	Adam Brooks		
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Policies and procedures adopted for:

- a) the induction and training of trustees;
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The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 12 Trustees (including 2 Ex Officio Trustees, and meets every 4 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Section B**Structure, governance and management (continued)****Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1)**

The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

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Further financial review details (optional information)

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- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

The Group Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

- investment policy and objectives;

Section F

Other Optional Information

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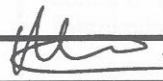
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Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Richard Jones Matthew Collins

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chair Group Scout Leader

Date

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities

3rd Alton Scout Group

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Cash Basis

	2023	2022
1. Statement of Assets & Liabilities		
Group		
Main bank account	4,299.33	1,798.18
BIA	84,661.12	74,624.39
Subs Account	4,740.07	7,689.61
Charity Deposit Account	-	2,811.07
Deposit Account (New)	2,873.15	-
Total Group	96,573.67	86,923.25
Held by Sections		
Beaver Account	520.03	649.18
Cubs Account	1,014.86	1,160.52
Scout Account	3,840.87	2,868.50
Explorer Account	1,779.42	1,540.71
Total Held by Sections	7,155.18	6,218.91
Total Statement of Assets & Liabilities	103,728.85	93,142.16

Payments

3rd Alton Scout Group

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Cash Basis

	2023	2022
1. Payments		
Group		
Consumables	333.70	75.07
Group Camp	-	434.03
Uniform Expenditure	357.50	906.76
Gocardless & Stripe Fees	614.68	488.58
Shop Costs	1,201.21	2,733.50
Capitation	7,728.00	6,293.00
Admin	1,048.83	1,022.30
Utilities	6,724.23	3,825.92
Repairs/Maintenance	6,285.98	18,879.37
Insurance	2,219.67	2,345.96
Badges	2,106.57	1,938.63
Training	22.80	-
Cleaning Supplies	1,111.54	836.14
Building Project	7,488.00	-
Section Costs	9.25	84.00
Equipment	3,609.72	695.79
Fundraising Expenses	2,622.15	-
Total Group	43,483.83	40,559.05
Sections		
Beaver Section Account expenditure	3,098.66	1,214.59
Cub Section Account Expenditure	5,039.56	3,748.13
Scout Section Account Expenditure	5,840.73	8,320.25
Explorer Section Account Expenditure	1,454.67	4,516.37
Activities Section Account Expenditure	-	277.79
Total Sections	15,433.62	18,077.13
Total Payments	58,917.45	58,636.18

Receipts

3rd Alton Scout Group

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Cash Basis

	2023	2022
1. Receipts		
Group		
Kit Hire	-	26.47
Group Camp Income	-	300.00
Uniform Income	57.00	305.00
Hall Rental	13,490.00	13,458.05
Gift Aid	3,950.88	3,495.25
Shop Income	1,612.51	1,579.93
Subscriptions received	18,532.18	16,337.71
Donations	11,396.09	7,331.93
Grants	900.00	2,667.00
Interest	872.04	312.14
Fundraising Income	3,154.55	-
Total Group	53,965.25	45,813.48
Sections		
Beaver Section Account Income	2,691.51	1,093.14
Cub Section Account Income	4,528.90	3,662.90
Scout Section Account Income	6,054.98	7,803.55
Explorer Section Account Income	2,263.50	2,437.21
Activities Section Account Income	-	1,186.84
Total Sections	15,538.89	16,183.64
Total Receipts	69,504.14	61,997.12

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 3rd Alton Scouts

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on the attached Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

have not been met; or

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

Name and Address : K. WILLIAMS-CROOK, 11 DASHWOOD C
ALTON, GU34
Qualification : ACCA (UK)
Date : 22/03/2024
Signed: 

THE 3RD ALTON SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 279491

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

3rd Alton Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

The Den							
Chawton Park Road							
Alton							
Postcode	G	U	3	4	1	R	Q

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1 Richard Jones	Chair	
2 Matt Collins	Group Scout Leader	
3 Lucia Conry	Treasurer	From April 2022

4	Alison Silvester	Secretary	
5	Robert Brook		
6	Anna Lavelle		
7	Paul Richardson		
8	Jo Wright		
9	Philip McKenzie		
10	Terry Roberts		Up To June 2022
11	Wendy Kilner-Smith		Up To September 2022
12	Paul Payne		
13	Rory McBride		Up To June 2022
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Recd
CHAIR

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Charity is a limited liability company limited by guarantee.

(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

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

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

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

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

Policies and procedures adopted for:

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every 6 months.

a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

The maintenance of Group property;
The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
Group public occasions;
Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected

who are elected.

Section B

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1)

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are: Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or

closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 2)

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The group has 6 sections: 2 Beaver Colonies, 2 Cub Packs, 1 Scout Troop & 1 Explorer Unit. Approx 130 members across all of the sections. The group has a broad range of activities with badges being awarded to recognise the participants' achievements. Sleepovers and Camps are arranged, with the Scouts & Explorers attending overseas camps and Jamborees. Camp fires and cooking are favourite activities. All sections have arranged activities to make an impact on the local area and to provide personal challenges.


Chair

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

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Public benefit statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Progress has been made with the building extension and we were able to gain planning permission. The group is still working towards fundraising the required amount of money for the new build. We have also been focusing efforts on refreshing our current facilities, by installing new double glazing windows, security doors, heating. We are also pleased to see an increase in membership numbers in the group.

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Section E

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £10000.

Future Group Project

3rd Alton Scout Group Executive Committee is actively involved in fundraising and planning an extension to our current facilities. This means that we have a sum of money that is being held in order to aid fundraising and grant activities for our extension.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

None

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional

information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

- how expenditure has supported the key
- investment policy and objectives;

Section F Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Richard Jones

Matt Collins

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chair

Group Scout Leader

Date

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities

3rd Alton Scout Group

For the year ended 31 December 2022

Cash Basis

	2022	2021
1. Statement of Assets & Liabilities		
Group		
Main bank account	1,798.18	14,536.64
BIA	74,624.39	68,318.00
Subs Account	7,689.61	-
Charity Deposit Account	2,811.07	2,805.32
Total Group	86,923.25	85,659.96
Held by Sections		
Beaver Account	649.18	400.42
Cubs Account	1,160.52	525.08
Scout Account	2,868.50	1,512.15
Explorer Account	1,540.71	10.00
Activities Account	-	1,673.61
Total Held by Sections	6,218.91	4,121.26
Total Statement of Assets & Liabilities	93,142.16	89,781.22

Payments

3rd Alton Scout Group

For the year ended 31 December 2022

Cash Basis

	2022	2021
1. Payments		
Group		
Consumables	75.07	-
Group Camp	434.03	-
Uniform Expenditure	906.76	-
Gocardless & Stripe Fees	488.58	473.28
Shop Costs	2,733.50	853.00
Capitation	6,293.00	6,974.50
Admin	1,022.30	1,271.00
Utilities	3,825.92	3,767.60
Repairs/Maintenance	18,879.37	6,781.27
Insurance	2,345.96	2,504.15
Badges	1,938.63	1,244.71
Training	-	260.00
Cleaning Supplies	836.14	1,351.43
Building Project	-	3,553.09
Section Costs	84.00	204.46
Equipment	695.79	2,652.35
Total Group	40,559.05	31,890.84
Sections		
Beaver Section Account expenditure	1,214.59	477.03
Cub Section Account Expenditure	3,748.13	1,379.78
Scout Section Account Expenditure	8,320.25	3,437.60
Explorer Section Account Expenditure	4,516.37	-
Activities Section Account Expenditure	277.79	5,715.59
Total Sections	18,077.13	11,010.00
Total Payments	58,636.18	42,900.84

Receipts

3rd Alton Scout Group

For the year ended 31 December 2022

Cash Basis

	2022	2021
1. Receipts		
Group		
Kit Hire	26.47	-
Group Camp Income	300.00	-
Uniform Income	305.00	-
Scout hut rental	13,458.05	13,330.00
Gift Aid	3,495.25	5,296.08
Shop Income	1,579.93	761.33
Subscriptions received	16,337.71	15,207.50
Donations	7,331.93	1,211.40
Grants	2,667.00	19,287.87
Interest	312.14	169.69
Total Group	45,813.48	55,263.87
Sections		
Beaver Section Account Income	1,093.14	285.20
Cub Section Account Income	3,662.90	1,124.10
Scout Section Account Income	7,803.55	2,175.70
Explorer Section Account Income	2,437.21	-
Activities Section Account Income	1,186.84	4,975.40
Total Sections	16,183.64	8,560.40
Total Receipts	61,997.12	63,824.27

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 3rd Alton Scouts

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on the attached Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 Act
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Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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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.

Name and Address : K.L. WILLIAMS-CROOK - 11 DASHWOOD CLOSE,
ALTON, GU34 1RS

Qualification : ACCA (UK)

Date : 26/4/2023

Signed:

K.L. Williams

THE 3RD ALTON SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 279491

Accounts

For the period

From (start date)	to end date
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Reference and administration details

3rd Alton Scout Group

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The Den									
Chawton Park Road									
Alton									
Postcode		G	U	3	4	1	R	Q	

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Richard Jones	Chair	
2	Jennifer Tennant	Treasurer	Until Sept 2021
3	Matt Collins	Group Scout Leader	
4	Alison Silvester		

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

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

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

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- The maintenance of Group property;
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- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
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Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 2)

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Objectives and activities

The Purpose of Scouting
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The Values of Scouting
As Scouts we are guided by these values:

- Integrity** - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
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Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The group has 6 section: 2 Beaver Colonies, 2 Cub Packs, 1 Scout Troop & 1 Explorer Unit. Approx 130 members across all of the sections. The group has a broad range of activities with badges being awarded to recognise the participants achievements. Sleepovers and Camps are arranged, with the Scouts & Explorers attending overseas camps and Jamborees. Camp fires and cooking are favourite activities. All sections have arranged activities to make an impact on the local area and to provide personal challenges.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

Public benefit statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Covid still played a large part in the year with activities having to take place online via Zoom meetings. These were well attended at all levels and although it isn't the same as face to face meetings, the young people and leaders still enjoyed the meetings. As we progressed throughout the year things opened up, and we were allowed to start camping again, something that was missed by a great deal of members. Highlights included Narrowboating for Scouts, sleepovers for Beavers and completing the Coast to Coast Cycle for the Explorers. Numbers in the group remained steady from the growth that we had in the previous year. With an eye to the future we are still proceeding with the extension to our current hall to expend capacity with planning permission being applied for. To deal with our expanding numbers in the group we are also looking to add a new Scout Troop in 2022.

Section E

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £10000.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

Further financial review details (optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

- how expenditure has supported the key
- investment policy and objectives;

Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Richard Jones	Matt Collins
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chair	Group Scout Leader
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Date

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities

3rd Alton Scout Group

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
1. Statement of Assets & Liabilities		
Group		
Main bank account	14,536.64	30,553.88
Charity Deposit Account	2,800.65	2,800.65
Subs Account	10.00	8,783.87
BIA	68,318.00	20,341.73
Total Group	85,665.29	62,480.13
Held by Sections		
Beaver Account	400.42	286.25
Cubs Account	525.08	446.76
Scout Account	1,512.15	2,566.05
Activities Account	1,673.61	2,078.60
Total Held by Sections	4,111.26	5,377.66
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable	-	2,000.00
Total Accounts Receivable	-	2,000.00
Total Statement of Assets & Liabilities	89,776.55	69,857.79

Payments

3rd Alton Scout Group

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
1. Payments		
Group		
Gocardless & Stripe Fees	473.28	277.49
Shop Costs	853.00	-
Capitation	6,974.50	4,007.15
Admin	1,271.00	645.05
Utilities	3,767.60	2,624.90
Repairs/Maintenance	7,135.58	3,567.59
Insurance	2,504.15	2,430.65
Badges	1,244.71	485.65
Training	260.00	150.00
Cleaning Supplies	997.12	612.44
Building Project	3,553.09	810.00
Section Costs	204.46	201.30
Equipment	2,652.35	126.84
Total Group	31,890.84	15,939.06
Sections		
Beaver Section Account expenditure	477.03	949.04
Cub Section Account Expenditure	1,379.78	475.03
Scout Section Account Expenditure	3,437.60	4,147.27
Activities Section Account Expenditure	5,715.59	3,612.48
Total Sections	11,010.00	9,183.82
Total Payments	42,900.84	25,122.88

Receipts

3rd Alton Scout Group

For the year ended 31 December 2021

Cash Basis

	2021	2020
1. Receipts		
Group		
Scout hut rental	14,330.00	5,100.00
Gift Aid	5,296.08	2,650.62
Shop Income	761.33	425.73
Subscriptions received	15,207.50	9,038.46
Donations	1,211.40	8,125.00
Grants	19,287.87	10,000.00
Interest	165.02	153.12
Total Group	56,259.20	35,492.93
Sections		
Beaver Section Account Income	285.20	826.47
Cub Section Account Income	1,124.10	504.00
Scout Section Account Income	2,175.70	4,935.00
Activities Section Account Income	4,975.40	2,853.00
Total Sections	8,560.40	9,118.47
Total Receipts	64,819.60	44,611.40

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 3rd Alton Scouts

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on the attached Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

have not been met; or

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

Name and Address :

Qualification :

Date :

K.L. WILLIAMS-CROOK - 11 DASHWOOD CLOSE
ALTON, HANTS, GU34

ACCA (UK)

15/04/2022

Signed:

K.L. Williams 1RS

THE 3RD ALTON SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 279491

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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 to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

3rd Alton Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

2 7 9 4 9 1

HQ registration number

2 4 6 4 7

Charity's principal address

The Den

Chawton Park Road

Alton

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Richard Jones	Chair	
2	Susannah Smith	Secretary	
3	Jennifer Tennant	Treasurer	
4	Matthew Collins	Group Scout Leader	
5	Terence Roberts		
6	Robert Adam Brook		
7	Anna Lavelle		
8	Paul Richardson		
9	Kenneth Randall		
10	Wendy Kilner-Smith		
11	Gemma Gosling		Until Sept 2020
12	Paul Payne		
13	Philip McKenzie		Sept 2020 onwards
14			
15			

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Youth Section Explorer	Alexander Sclater	
Youth Section Cubs	Lee Matthews	
Maintenance	Christine Hayden	

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted

e.g. trust, association, company

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

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

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

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

Policies and procedures adopted for:

a) the induction and training of trustees;

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every # months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:
The maintenance of Group property;
The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;

The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
 Group public occasions;
 Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
 Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
 Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	Risk and Internal Control The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values: Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others. Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-

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The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The Group has 6 Sections. Beavers (2 Colonies) 6 to 8 yrs. Cub Scouts (2 Packs) 8 to 10 years. Scouts 10 to 14 years. Explorer Scouts 14 to 18 years. Approx. 125 members in all. The Group has a broad range of activities with badges being awarded to recognise the participants achievements. Sleepovers and Camps are arranged, with Scouts and Explorers attending overseas camps and Jamborees. Camp Fires and cooking are favourites. All Sections have arranged activities to make an impact on the local area and to provide personal challenges.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

Public benefit statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Despite the challenging circumstances that Covid brought to the world, Scouting at 3rd Alton was still able to continue in 2020. All sections were quick to adopt a new way of delivering Scouting to our members. This included providing workbooks, sharing badges that members could do at home, and online weekly team meetings.

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Highlights from these meetings included talks from astronomers, RAF chinook pilots, learning to cook remotely and lots of quizzes, to name but a few activities. Due to our very active programme for the members, we were not only able to retain most of our members, but we also saw an increase in membership numbers through 2020. We are very proud of this headline, especially when the national figures were showing a drop from the majority of Scout Groups.

Behind the scenes, we made progress on expanding our facilities to provide extra capacity. We were able to get an architect on board to formulate a plan. This has progressed nicely, and we are in an excellent place to start fundraising/grant applications in late 2021

Section E	Financial Review
Brief statement of the charity's policy on	Reserves Policy The Group maintains a surplus for emergencies and to finance Future Projects. This includes tree control and window replacement. Future Group Project The 3rd Alton Group Executive Committee is actively involved in fund raising and planning an extension to our current facilities to allow for the expansion of membership in the group over the last few years.
Quantify and explain any designations	
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	
Further financial review details (optional information)	
You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); • how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; • investment policy and objectives;	
Section F	Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Richard Jones	Matt Collins
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chair	Group Scout Leader
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Date

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities

3rd Alton Scout Group

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
1. Statement of Assets & Liabilities		
Group		
Main bank account	31,553.88	28,286.99
Charity Deposit Account	2,800.65	2,772.60
Subs Account	8,783.87	10.00
BIA	20,341.73	12,216.66
Total Group	63,480.13	43,286.25
Held by Sections		
Beaver Account	286.25	168.29
Cubs Account	446.76	348.71
Scout Account	2,566.05	1,678.60
Activities Account	2,078.60	2,887.42
Total Held by Sections	5,377.66	5,083.02
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable	1,000.00	-
Total Accounts Receivable	1,000.00	-
Total Statement of Assets & Liabilities	69,857.79	48,369.27

Payments

3rd Alton Scout Group

For the year ended 31 December 2020

Cash Basis

2020

1. Payments

Group

Gocardless & Stripe Fees	277.49
Capitation	4,007.15
Admin	645.05
Utilities	2,624.90
Repairs/Maintenance	3,567.59
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Badges	485.65
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For the year ended 31 December 2020

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Name and Address : K. L. WILLIAMS-CROOK, 11 LINNETS WAY,
Qualification : ACCA (UK) ALTON, HANTS, UK GU34 2JT
Date : 23/05/2021
Signed: *K. Williams-Crook*