

# 6TH AMPHILL AND WOBURN SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 300436

## Details

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Other names	68TH BEDFORDSHIRE, ASPLEY GUISE BOY SCOUT GROUP, 6TH ANTHILL AND WOBURN SCOUT GROUP, ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS SCOUT GROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1964-05-11
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 68TH BEDFORDSHIRE, ASPLEY GUISE, BOY SCOUT GROUP.

**Activities:** The Group's charitable objective is the development of young people by helping them to achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities, by producing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training guided by the adult leadership.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ASPLEY GUISE AND DISTRICT.
- Bedford
- Buckinghamshire
- Central Bedfordshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£46,441	£29,950	-	-
2024-03-31	£36,295	£34,095	-	-
2023-03-31	£34,429	£34,685	-	-
2022-03-31	£36,350	£28,945	-	-
2021-03-31	£24,614	£28,315	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Maria Wishart</b>	Chair	2012-12-17
ANDREW WOOLSEY		2012-12-17
ANNE PAPWORTH		2012-12-17
CLAIRE TOBIN		2012-02-08
Nicola Bethell		2021-11-09
SHARON SMITH		2012-12-17

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# Accounts

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# ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

Charity Registration Number

300436



## REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2025

### Trustees

Group Chairman  
Group Treasurer  
Group Scout Leader

Maria Wishart  
Nicola Bethell  
Claire Tobin  
Catherine Ellis  
Rachel Jones  
Andrew Woolsey  
Anne Papworth  
Sharon Smith Dan  
Connall Jennie  
Barnell Caroline  
Wright James  
Jones

### Bankers

National Westminster Bank plc,  
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# ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

## REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2025 TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

### Charitable objectives

The Group's charitable objective is the development of young people by helping them to achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities, by producing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training guided by adult leadership.

### Structure, Governance and Management

The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities in preparing the annual report and financial statements.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scout Association Group. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

The Trustees meet as a Board on a periodic basis to review the strategy and performance of the Group and to set operating plans and budgets. Day-to-day control is delegated to the leaders of the various scouting sections under the direction of the Group Scout Leader.

### Risk and Internal Control

The Trustees have considered and put in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material misstatement or loss and include:

Safety and assessing risk are an integral part of every activity we undertake, training for this commences as part of the leader appointment process, all adult leaders and helpers are required to undergo a Criminal Records Bureau check, and training continues on an ongoing basis.

If anyone requires a copy of the audited accounts they should approach the Chairman, Treasurer or Group Scout Leader.

This Report and Accounts were approved by the trustees on:  
For and on behalf of the Trustees

*Nicola Bethell*

Nicola Bethell (Jan 16, 2026 13:01:09 GMT)

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# ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

## Chair's introduction 2024-25

As always, I extend my sincere thanks to Claire Tobin, our Lead Volunteer, and to every member of the Aspley Guise Scout Group leadership team for their continued dedication to the provision of outstanding experiences for our young people. Thanks to their tireless efforts and willingness to give up their time for free, our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers have continued to have many opportunities to develop and hone a wide range of skills, and to make memories that will last a lifetime. Thanks also to the Trustee Board, also volunteers, who have again ensured that our facilities are well maintained and that we comply with all financial and regulatory requirements. I also want to express my gratitude to the many other people who worked behind the scenes this year to support the leaders in delivering their impressive programmes. Without all these volunteers, the group could not succeed, and we really do appreciate all that they do.

As I mentioned at the last AGM, Trustee Board members are now limited in the time they can serve as trustees. So now, more than ever, we need to identify the volunteers that will replace us in the future. Please give some thought to offering your services to the group as a Trustee Board member. Even the smallest contribution of time will be valuable, and you will be helping to assure the security and long-term future of this vibrant group. I can be contacted via the email address below if you have any questions.

**Maria Wishart**

[chair@aspleyguisescouts.org.uk](mailto:chair@aspleyguisescouts.org.uk)

# ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

## Group Scout Leader Report 2024-25

My first full year as Group Lead Volunteer is also the first year of our new titles and a new database learning system. Scout meetings continue in the normal way and behind the scenes managers are buried into their laptops trying to understand the new ways of processing DBS's, delivering training and support. I know it will be better soon....

Our Membership numbers increased slightly this year with our annual census showing 136 plus a growing Explorer Unit of @ 30 members. We have welcomed new leaders to our team and our trustee board. Our Leaders continue to embrace their training and this year Lance, Simon B, Simon C and Andy finished their wood badge training through the old system, and with a few new modules to complete online, will be fully wood badged this term.

The groups are active in the community and we continue to support the Shoe Aid charity supplying footwear to people in need in the UK. All our sections enjoy camping and residentials, thanks to the dedication of our leadership team who deliver exciting, progressive experiences for our Young People. I think the word is out that Scouting is challenging and fun, as we have regular enquiries from potential new members at Scout & Explorer levels. There has been talk of difficult behaviour in schools and we do see a change in levels of respect from our members. The discussions in their Scout Forums of scout values and expectations of themselves and our leaders generally improves behaviour and morale.

At the AGM Davinia, Dan and I were presented with certificates for our roles or in Davinia's case 15 years of volunteering. We also said a sad Farewell to Catherine who has been a Trustee, Leader and Akela over a period of 10 years. Catherine steps down from these roles but continues to assist with administration of the group. The Cub Section moves forward with Rachel as its Leader and an enthusiastic team to support her.

We are progressing with improvements to the Scout Hut. This is very exciting and we will ensure that the safety of our members and parents is paramount whilst work is being done.

We are delighted to have a full team of Trustees led by Maria Wishart, twenty leaders and some very helpful parents to support us. Our remit is to develop young people into better citizens through teamwork, challenges, fun and adventure; I thank every one of those volunteers who make this scouting achievement possible.

Claire Tobin GLV

# ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP



## Beavers Section Report 2024-25

Our Beavers have had another great year of fun packed activities. During the summer the Beavers worked on Explore, Hiking, Campcraft, Navigator and Gardening Badges. The Tuesday Beavers completed outdoor activities; planting sunflowers, upcycling CDs into suncatchers, a local heritage trail, a litter pick, fire lighting and cooking outside.

The Friday Beavers had den building and water filter building session with the Parks Trust, built bug hotels, planted herb tubs, learnt how to pitch tents and make s'mores, visited a local farm to learn all about the crops they grew.

A group of Tuesday Beavers had a fantastic experience camping alongside the Cubs and leaders at Jordan's Campsite, joining in with Archery and campfire singing.

In the Autumn Term we worked on the Global Issues, Community Impact, Animal Friend and Cook badges. The Tuesday Beavers took part in a 'night walk' and visited Climbquest. They made chocolate treats, learnt about kitchen safety and sang around a campfire scoffing fairtrade chocolate bananas – lucky them! One of the highlights of the term was a hike around the former Wavendon Golf Course where the Beavers learnt about the importance of local issues and conservation.

The Friday Beavers enjoyed yummy cooking (including pizza making!), attended a Pets At Home and Animal Edge session with chickens, rabbits and guinea pigs. They learnt about recycling, endangered animals and the importance of water conservation – with some hands-on water experiments! We also had a brilliant visit from the Bedfordshire Police Team.

We had a successful sleepover at the hut attended by 18 Beavers who took part in the 'movie themed' activities, sang around an indoor campfire, watched a film and then (we think) got some sleep! It was also a great opportunity for them to practice skills like washing up and making their beds – which is always appreciated by the parents!

At our Christmas celebrations we handed out awards and our 'Community nights' which were very rewarding and lots of fun.

In the Spring Term we concentrated on Experiments and Communicator Badges. The Tuesday Beavers also worked on their Disability Awareness badge.

The Tuesday Beavers joined in a District Games Night, went on a Peace Pagoda trail hike at Willen Lake, code cracking, braille session, pioneering, made edible knots and enjoyed Chinese New Year. They also had a fun visit to Broughton Fire Station.

The Friday Beavers went on a trip to the Woburn Fire Station, had a visit from the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association (where we learnt about guide dog training, and did some braille code writing). We loved the amazing messy experiments, including some with 'fizzy raisins', egg enamel, magic milk, pepper and soap, lemon juice code writing, refraction and chromatography. Please ask Nushka for details if the Beavers want to do them again at home!!

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Both groups also had great show and tell sessions – the leaders were impressed with how confident and enthusiastic the Beavers were and how much they wanted to share their stories and experiences with each other.

We welcomed James and Lauren to our leadership team and thank everyone who helped to make this another fantastic year (including all the parent helpers!) - It really is very much appreciated.

The Tuesday and Friday Beaver Leaders

(Not to mention our fantastic Young Leaders too!!)

Moema Pimentel and Victoria Rolton

# ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP



## Cub Section Report 2024-25

We started the summer term with the whole group coming together to celebrate our Patron Saint, St George, in the gardens of St Marys Church. Flags, Songs, Skits, Tiki lamps and Hotdogs set the scene. Then we were off into the summer season of outdoor adventure with hikes, bat walks, shelter building, crazy golf and swimming.

We welcomed the cubs for a stay at our summer camp at Gt Barford, had a sunny weekend in Oct at The Lodge, Bromham and our Spring residential at Phasels Wood, Hemel, included archery, team building and rattling down the Cresta run.

Activities continued into Autumn & Spring terms with Ten Pin Bowling, Climbquest and dancing – part of our international badge. Smoothies, games and some messy nights as we completed our science badge with Chil. DIY night resulted in window boxes which planted sssup for a local charity. The Cub Forums have continued to focus the Cubs on how their behaviour affects others and helps with leadership skills when planning their own cub nights.

Regular attendance and their enthusiasm to earn Activity and Challenge Badges leads to the Chief Scout Silver Award. This is a great achievement and shows a cub willing to participate and face every challenge that we offer. We are pleased that so many of our Cubs move up to scouts with this award.

Many thanks to our parents who have offered enthusiastic support this year; it makes a real difference. We said a sad Fairwell to our Akela, Catherine Ellis, at Christmas but we do have a fantastic team of Georgia Williams, Anne Papworth, Sharon Smith, Victoria Watts, Graham Carroll, and Chris Miller, who put the fun into Scouting and keep us all laughing.

Rachel (Baloo)

# ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP



## Scout Section Report 2024-25

The Scouts have had another action-packed year, with two full troops meeting weekly and running a joint programme filled with adventure, challenge, and skill development. We've continued to strike a balance between traditional Scouting skills and fresh, engaging activities that work towards badge requirements and personal growth.

Throughout the year, Scouts worked on badges including Survival, Navigator, Electronics, Fire Safety, DIY, Creative Challenge, and the World Challenge Award. This wide-ranging programme involved activities such as fire safety drills, open fire cooking, electronics projects, catapult building, incident hikes, wide games, and map reading. Scouts got hands-on with tools during DIY sessions, tested their creativity through sculpture and model-making, and engaged with global cultures and values during World Challenge activities.

The Scouts enjoyed several memorable outings and events. Highlights included a visit to MK Stadium, a swim party at Woburn Lido, a night hike through the local countryside, and an exciting watersports session in Bedford. Our St. George's Day celebration brought the whole section together, and termly cooking competitions were as fun (and messy) as ever.

Camping remained a core part of the programme. We ran a summer survival weekend at Bromham, giving Scouts a chance to build shelters, cook outdoors, and put their survival skills to the test. In the autumn, many Scouts attended the Halloween-themed Gilwell Scarefest camp, and the older Scouts took part in a two day backpacking expedition to complete their Expedition Challenge award.

As ever, none of this would be possible without the dedicated team of volunteer leaders who bring energy, creativity, and consistency to the programme each week. We also thank the parents who stepped in to help with transport, supervision, and support for trips and camps.

The 2024–2025 year has been full of laughter, learning, and leadership development. The Scouts have embraced every challenge and come away with new skills and lasting memories. We look forward to seeing what next year brings.

Peter Jones

# ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

## SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL SUMMARY ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31st March 2025

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total £	2024 £
Total Receipts for the year	41,853.72	4,587.15	46,440.88	36,294.88
Total Payments for the year	29,694.61	-	29,949.61	34,094.63
Net receipts / (payments)	12,159.12	4,587.15	16,746.27	2,200.25
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Net assets at 31 March 2024	232,053.59	325,962.23	558,015.82	555,815.57
Net assets at 31 March 2025	244,212.71	330,549.38	574,762.09	558,015.82
<b>RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2025</b>				
	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total £	2023 £
<b>MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>	33,791.29		33791.25	17,889.53
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED</b>				
Bank interest	330.45	4,587.15	4,917.60	4,632.85
Scout Association Investment interest	-	-	-	-
Dividends	-	-	-	-
Property rents	785.40	-	785.40	673.20
	1,115.85	4,587.15	5,703	5,306.05
<b>DONATIONS AND GRANTS</b>	1500.00	-	1,500.00	-
<b>ACTIVITIES &amp; TRIPS</b>	-	-	-	11,436.60
<b>SUNDRY RECEIPTS</b>				
Uniform sales	250.71	-	250.71	1,662.70
Badge receipts	-	-	-	-
Gift aid receipts	5,195.88	-	5195.88	-
Loan receipts	-	-	-	-
	5,446.59		5,446.59	1,662.70
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	41,853.73	4,587.15	46,440.88	36,294.88

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## PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2025

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Total	2024
<b>PREMISES</b>				
Rent	509.00	-	509.00	394.00
Rates	-	-	-	-
Light and heat	2,689.69	-	2,689.69	4,931.26
Insurance	2,159.19	-	2,159.19	2,674.32
Repairs and renewals	442.80	-	442.80	627.36
Building costs & Cleaning	1,204.50	-	1,204.50	1,159.50
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	6,985.18	-	6,985.18	9,786.44
<b>DONATIONS AND GRANTS</b>				
Other	-	-	-	1,500.00
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	-	-	-	1,500.00
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	12,658.08		14,819.68	14,819.68
<b>FUND RAISING EXPENSES</b>				
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>				
Capitation	7,723.00	-	7,723.00	6,703.50
Uniforms	1,073.15	-	1,073.15	402.43
Other	415.20	-	415.20	322.90
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	9,211.35		9,211.35	7,428.83
<b>TRUSTEES EXPENSES</b>				
Audit & Accountancy	840.00		840.00	559.68
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	840.00	-	840.00	559.68
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<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	29,694.61	-	29,694.41	34,094.63
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# ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

## BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st March 2025

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Total	2024
<b>MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
NatWest current account	17,515.03	-	<b>17,515.03</b>	20,620.04
Lloyds current account	-	-	-	-
NatWest reserve account	23,791.22	-	<b>23,791.22</b>	23,451.03
NatWest deposit account 1	-	330,528.91	<b>325,941.76</b>	325,941.76
NatWest deposit account 2	-	20.47	<b>20.47</b>	20.21
Paypal account	60.92	-	<b>60.92</b>	60.92
Prepayment and accrued income	1,030.20	-	<b>1,030.20</b>	224.80
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	44,386.79	320,549.38	<b>370,348.76</b>	370,348.76
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<b>NON-MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Land and buildings	400,000.00	-	<b>400,000.00</b>	400,000.00
Refurbishment Cost	11,154.45	-	<b>11,154.45</b>	6,361.70
Scout equipment	1,921.54	-	<b>1,921.54</b>	1,921.54
Accumulated Depreciation on Scout equipment	-	-	-	-
	576.00	-	<b>576.00</b>	384.00
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	412,499.99	-	<b>412,499.99</b>	407,899.24
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	454,897.36	330,549.38	<b>778,248.00</b>	778,248.00
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<b>LIABILITIES due within one year</b>				
Accruals	3,184.65	-	<b>3,184.65</b>	12,732.18
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	3,184.65	-	<b>3,184.65</b>	12,732.18
<b>LIABILITIES payable after one year</b>				
Loans	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-
<b>RESERVES</b>				
Revaluation Reserves	207,500.00	-	-	207,500.00
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	207,500.00	-	-	207,500.00
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>244,212.71</b>	330,549.38	<b>574,732.09</b>	558,015.82
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# ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

## NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31st March 2025

### Note 1: Accounting policies.

#### Basis of Preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

#### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### Scout equipment

Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis over 10 years.

#### Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### Note 2: Accounting Policies

#### 2.1 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been designated for a purpose but which can be repurposed by the Trustees. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the Trust's work.

#### 2. Designated Fund reserve

This Fund arose in 2018 when the Group sold land from a bequest from the Marquess of Bedford, who died in 2003. The Bequest was not restricted, the group committee are deciding how to designate the funds.

## ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

### Note 3: Fixed assets

	Buildings	Scout equipment	Improvements to property	Total
<b>Cost</b>				
Balance b/fwd	400,000.00	1,921.54	6,361.70	408,283.24
Additions	-	-	4,792.74	4,792.75
Revaluations	-	-	-	-
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Balance c/fwd	400,000.00	1,921.54	11,154.45	413,075.99
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<b>Depreciation</b>				
Balance b/fwd	-	384.00	-	384.00
Charge for the year	-	192.00	-	192.00
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Balance c/fwd	-	576.00	-	384.00
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<b>Net assets @ 31/03/25</b>	<b>400,000.00</b>	<b>1,345.54</b>	<b>11,154.45</b>	<b>412,499.99</b>
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Net assets @ 31/03/24	400,000.00	1,537.54	6,361.70	407,889.24
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### Note 4: Trustees remuneration and benefits.

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2025 nor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

# ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Year Ended 31st March 2024

I report to the trustees of the Aspley Guise and Woburn Sands (6th Ampthill) Scout Group on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2025 as set on pages 8 to 11 of this report.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Jonathan Vowles FCA CTA DChA  
JVCA Ltd, Chartered Accountants  
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Cranfield  
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**6TH AMPHILL AND WOBURN SCOUT GROUP**

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# Accounts

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**6th Ampthill & Woburn  
Aspley Guise & Woburn Sands**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR  
THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2024**

**Trustees**

Group Chairman  
Group Treasurer  
Group Scout Leader

Maria Wishart  
Nicola Bethell  
Claire Tobin  
Catherine Ellis  
Rachel Jones  
Andrew Woolsey  
Anne Papworth  
Sharon Smith  
Dan Connall  
Jennie Barnell  
Caroline Wright  
James Jones

**Bankers**

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## Chair's report 2023-24

We were delighted to report Claire Tobin's appointment as Group Scout Leader and Catherine Ellis's appointment as Akela during this year, and we thank both for their continued dedication to our group. Thanks also to every member of the leadership team for continuing to devote time and energy to delivering outstanding experiences for our young people. Our Group Trustee Board continued to ensure the financial probity of Aspley Guise Scouts, and the maintenance of the Scout Hut, and we thank them for their time and commitment to these important tasks. The Trustee Board also continued to work on plans to develop the Scout Centre in Spinney Lane, having secured planning permission for the building phase. Thank you also to the many other people who worked behind the scenes this year to support the leaders in delivering their impressive programmes. Without all these volunteers, the group could not succeed, and we really do appreciate all that they do.

Recent changes to regulations mean that our Trustee Board members will soon be limited in the time they can serve as trustees. This makes my annual plea for volunteers even more resonant - if anyone out there would like to get involved in our board, or in the group as a leader, helper or behind-the-scenes member, please do get in touch. We would love to hear from you!

**Maria Wishart**

[chair@aspleyguisescouts.org.uk](mailto:chair@aspleyguisescouts.org.uk)

## Group Scout Leader Report 2023-24

Since the last GSL report our district has dissolved and our temporary GSL retired from scouting. I became an assistant GSL in November 2023 as a point of contact for our transition into Leighton-Linslade District who have been very welcoming. With the support of the Trustees and our Leadership Team, I accepted the post of GSL in January 2024.

The Leadership Team continues to grow with many volunteers choosing to fully train for their wood- badges. Our new district has presented wood-beads to Moema, Pete, Catherine, Andy, Kate, Victoria, Dan & Georgia in the last year, with Sharon receiving a Chief Scout's Commendation for good service and myself receiving a bar to the Award for Merit. Such dedication from our volunteers guarantees strong leadership skills within flexible scouting roles. The annual Group Leaders Activity morning brings everyone together - coffee, cake, chat, skills, more cake and friendship. This event continues to have a positive impact on how we scout together. The sections have been out exploring the community, collecting for charities, supporting the village Family Fun Day with our Human Fruit Machines and Coconut Shy, and promoting Scouting locally in the process. Our Section leaders' reports will mention the fun of camping and residentials but I am proud of them for ensuring the safety and growth of our young people away from home. Thank you to all our leaders for creating (and enjoying) these amazing experiences through scouting.

We were delighted to welcome back our 4 young people who participated in the Korean Jamboree last summer – that really was an adventure! With their tales of friendship, resilience & kindness from the Koreans, they are an inspiration to our younger scouters.

We appreciate the parental support to the group, especially those who volunteer as occasional helpers and who willingly learn new skills or use their own talents to assist the sections.

The group has a full committee, strong leadership teams and membership of 123 young people. I would like to thank the current Trustees, particularly our Chair, Maria, for their foresight and planning to ensure the care of the property and finances of the group.

Leadership, admin support, maintenance, trustee roles; there are numerous ways in which adults can assist the scout group. I would encourage anyone who is considering volunteering to contact us through [join@aspleyguisescouts.org.uk](mailto:join@aspleyguisescouts.org.uk) or talk to one of the leaders. It is a friendly and supportive group; scouting can be flexible and roles can be shared. With your help we will continue to grow and aid the development of our young people.

The adventure continues.

**Claire Tobin**



## Beavers Section Report 2023-24

Our Beavers have had another great year of fun packed activities.

Here is a summary of the activities completed per Term:

### 1. Summer Term – 2023

The Beavers worked on their Experiments, Camp Craft and Navigator Badges. They had the opportunity to celebrate the King's Coronation with a teamwork activity and participated as a group in our St George's Event to renew their promises. The Tuesday Beavers visited the Safety Centre, worked on personal skills with a shoe polishing session, participated in hikes and completed volunteering work with ShoeAid Donations. The Friday Beavers completed a fun and interactive session at the Pets At Home store in central Milton Keynes in order to

achieve their Animal Friend badge and took part in many outdoor activities including hiking, cooking, fire lighting and tent pitching.

### 2. Autumn Term – 2023

In the Autumn Term we welcomed some new Beavers and had a great time working on the Communicator, Digital Citizen, Money Skills and International Badges. We celebrated various international festivals such as Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year), Diwali, Thanksgiving and had an International Christmas Pyjama Party with fun activities based on the theme of 'Christmas around the world'.

The Tuesday Beavers worked on breaking some codes with Semaphore and Morse code activities and had an amazing visit to the TNMOC – The Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park, where the Beavers had a go at breaking a code using the Enigma machine. They also talked about mental health and worked on some important skills such as sewing and online safety. The Friday Beavers visited the Curly Tails Pig Sanctuary, had a visit from their local Police Community Support Officer, completed various international and money themed

activities including cooking (we made Brazilian chocolates) and running a second hand 'swap shop'.

As an entire group the Beavers had a real treat going to the cinema session that was just for them! Some of them also had the opportunity to attend a sleepover and survived the night away from home in the hut.

## **ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP**

Leaders Phaona (Moema) and Nushka (Victoria) were very pleased to receive their Wood Badges this Term after completing their full leader training.

### **3. Spring Term -2024**

In the Spring Term we concentrated on the Space and Explorer badges and went out on a lot of hikes around Milton Keynes, whatever the weather. The Tuesday Beavers had a session at Go Outdoors to investigate what outdoor gear to use for various activities which was very interesting. The entire group loved their Space badge and explored the sky using different apps, books and a planisphere which taught the Beavers about constellations and planets.

The Beavers also crafted some planets, created their own International Space Station, and had a real treat visiting the National Space Centre in Leicester (organized as an additional trip by the Beaver and Cub Leaders).

The Tuesday Beavers cooked on an outside fire, sang songs, had a great Brazilian Carnival party, played loads of games, and celebrated with a lot of creative crafts and music... including a samba lesson. The Friday Beavers visited Woburn Fire Station and had a tennis coaching session with a local tennis coach at Woburn Sands Tennis Courts.

During the whole year all of the Beavers have worked on various elements of the Challenge Awards.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this another fantastic year!

*The Tuesday and Friday Beaver Leaders – Phaona, Keneu, Wontolla, Nushka and Rikki*

*Not to mention our fantastic Young Leaders too!!*

**Moema Pimentel and Victoria Rolton**



## Cub Section Report 2023-24

After a long winter and spring indoors, the Cubs were eager to get outside and explore during the summer term. We became Generation Green Champions, learning how to look after our local environment with a nature walk at Willen Lake, bug hotel building at Milton Bryan and trying the fun (and noisy) Japanese art of Hapa Zome. Cubs enjoyed some Foot Golf and rounded off the term in traditional style with a Foam Fight Night and swimming at Woburn Lido. Summer camp at Quarries Campsite was on one of the hottest weekends of the summer – getting soaked by the Drainpipe game proved to be the most popular activity!

Autumn had an artistic flavour, exploring the art trail in Campbell Park and the sculpture trail in Milton Keynes. We cooked on open fires, celebrated the Day of the Dead with some fabulous costumes and ventured into Woburn Abbey deer park after dark. An after hours visit to the National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park included breaking codes with an Enigma machine. At Christmas we made beautiful cards to be distributed to the community by Helping Hands and mastered some circus skills at the Christmas party. In contrast to summer camp, our residential at Phasels Wood began in torrential rain – luckily it dried up enough for us to enjoy campfire cooking, air rifles, backwoods cooking and badminton-based team building games.

The main focus of spring term was earning the Entertainers Badge – several nights of rehearsing led to two accomplished (and hilarious) performances for friends and family. Bravo! We sorted our knots from our lashings to build catapults and send Brussel sprouts flying. DIY and building skills were at the ready to construct some amazing wooden planters. March saw us return to Overstone Scout Camp where we enjoyed coding games, frisbee golf, grass sleds and the ever-popular caving bus. Cubs and Beavers enjoyed a joint trip to the National Space Centre.

The Cub leadership team continues to go from strength to strength – we were delighted to welcome Graham to the Tuesday team in January. Congratulations to Claire who stepped down as Akela to take up the role of Group Scout Leader and to Georgia who was awarded her Wood Badge.

My thanks go to all the leaders: Anne, Rachel, Chris, Sharon, Victoria, Georgia and Graham for their brilliant ideas, enthusiasm and energy. Here's to many more adventures to come.

**Catherine Ellis**

## ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP



### Scout Section Report 2023-24

The Scouts continue to have enough young people to warrant two full troops meeting weekly on separate evenings. We run a joint programme focusing on traditional scouting skills such as navigation, camp skills, teamwork challenges, and survival skills, while also working towards a variety of badge requirements.

During this period, the Scouts worked on several badge requirements including the Air Spotter, Navigator, Skills Challenge, and Astronautics badges. Activities included learning about grid references, contour lines, mapwork, identifying aircraft, understanding healthy lifestyles, problem-solving tasks, and building rockets.

The programme incorporated a mix of practical skills like cooking, pioneering, and wide games to keep things engaging. Special events included a St. George's Day campfire celebration, a Coronation community service project, night hikes, and a summer swimming trip to the Woburn Lido. The Scouts also spent some time on the water for a full day at an event organized by Riparian Explorer Sea Scout Unit.

Overnight camping experiences remained a highlight, with the Scouts participating in a summer camp under canvas at Overstone which allowed them to practice their camp craft skills. There was also a weekend residential at the Caldecotte Xperience in January 2024 with many outdoor activities. The older Scouts completed their Expedition Challenge award with a two day backpacking expedition across the Chilterns.

The varied programme was made possible by the dedicated team of Scout leaders who planned and delivered the activities each week. Parent helpers provided invaluable assistance for certain outings and events when extra adult support was required.

Overall, the 2023-2024 programme year offered a well-rounded array of opportunities for the Scouts to learn new skills, explore the outdoors, work as a team, and challenge themselves while having fun in a safe environment. We look forward to another exciting year ahead.

**Peter Jones**

# **ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP**

## **Charitable objectives**

The Group's charitable objective is the development of young people by helping them to achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities, by producing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training guided by the adult leadership.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities in preparing the annual report and financial statements.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scout Association Group. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

The Trustees meet as a Board on a periodic basis to review the strategy and performance of the Group and to set operating plans and budgets. Day-to-day control is delegated to the leaders of the various scouting sections under the direction of the Group Scout Leader.

## **Risk and Internal Control**

The Trustees have considered and put in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material misstatement or loss and include:

Safety and assessing risk are an integral part of every activity we undertake, training for this commences as part of the leader appointment process, all adult leaders and helpers are required to undergo a Criminal Records Bureau check, and training continues on an ongoing basis.

If anyone requires a copy of the audited accounts they should approach the Chairman, Treasurer or Group Scout Leader.

This Report and Accounts were approved by the trustees on:

For and on behalf of the Trustees

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# ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

## SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 31st March 2024

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total £	2023 £
Total Receipts for the year	31,973.36	4,321.52	<b>36,294.88</b>	34,429.02
Total Payments for the year	34,094.63	-	<b>34,094.63</b>	34,685.36
Net receipts / (payments)	- 2,121.27	4,321.52	<b>2,200.25</b>	-256.34
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Net assets at 31 March 2023	234,175.12	321,640.45	<b>555,815.57</b>	556,071.91
Net assets at 31 March 2024	232,053.85	325,961.97	<b>558,015.82</b>	555,815.57

## RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2024

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total £	2023 £
<b>MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>	17,889.53		<b>17,889.53</b>	21,834.59
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED</b>				
Bank interest	311.33	4,321.52	<b>4,632.85</b>	2,010.71
Scout Association Investment interest	-	-	-	-
Dividends	-	-	-	-
Property rents	673.20	-	<b>673.20</b>	663.00
	984.53	4,321.52	<b>5,306.05</b>	2,673.71
<b>DONATIONS AND GRANTS</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>ACTIVITIES &amp; TRIPS</b>	11,436.60	-	<b>11,436.60</b>	8,143.53
<b>SUNDRY RECEIPTS</b>				
Uniform sales	1,662.70	-	<b>1,662.70</b>	1,777.19
Badge receipts	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Loan receipts	-	-	-	-
	1,662.70		<b>1,662.70</b>	1,777.19
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	31,973.36	4,321.52	<b>36,294.88</b>	34,429.02

## ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

### PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2024

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Total	2023
<b>PREMISES</b>				
Rent	394.00	-	<b>394.00</b>	350.00
Rates	-	-	-	-
Light and heat	4,931.26	-	<b>4,931.26</b>	4,922.24
Insurance	2,674.32	-	<b>2,674.32</b>	2,445.40
Repairs and renewals	627.36	-	<b>627.36</b>	1,419.87
Building costs & Cleaning	1,159.50	-	<b>1,159.50</b>	1,802.00
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	9,786.44	-	<b>9,786.44</b>	10,939.51
<b>DONATIONS AND GRANTS</b>				
Other	1,500.00	-	<b>1,500.00</b>	529.45
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	1,500.00	-	<b>1,500.00</b>	529.45
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>				
	14,819.68	-	<b>14,819.68</b>	12,603.52
<b>FUND RAISING EXPENSES</b>				
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>				
Capitation	6,703.50	-	<b>6,703.50</b>	5,781.00
Uniforms	402.43	-	<b>402.43</b>	4,005.30
Other	322.90	-	<b>322.90</b>	335.55
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	7,428.83	-	<b>7,428.83</b>	10,121.85
<b>TRUSTEES EXPENSES</b>				
Audit & Accountancy	559.68	-	<b>559.68</b>	491.03
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	559.68	-	<b>559.68</b>	491.03
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<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>34,094.63</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,094.63</b>	<b>34,685.36</b>
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## ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

### BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st March 2024

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Total	2023
<b>MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Natwest current account	20,620.04	-	<b>20,620.04</b>	5,660.54
Lloyds current account	-	-	-	-
Natwest reserve account	23,461.03	-	<b>23,461.03</b>	23,149.96
Natwest deposit account 1	-	325,941.76	<b>325,941.76</b>	321,620.24
Natwest deposit account 2	-	20.21	<b>20.21</b>	19.95
Paypal account	60.92	-	<b>60.92</b>	7,316.64
Prepayment and accrued income	244.80	-	<b>244.80</b>	-
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	44,386.79	325,961.97	<b>370,348.76</b>	357,767.33
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<b>NON-MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Land and buildings	400,000.00	-	<b>400,000.00</b>	400,000.00
Refurbishment Cost	6,361.70	-	<b>6,361.70</b>	4,346.92
Scout equipment	1,921.54	-	<b>1,921.54</b>	1921.54
Accumulated Depreciation on Scout equipment	- 384.00	-	- <b>384.00</b>	- 192.00
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	407,899.24	-	<b>407,899.24</b>	406,076.46
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>452,286.03</b>	<b>325,961.97</b>	<b>778,248.00</b>	<b>763,843.57</b>
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<b>LIABILITIES due within one year</b>				
Accruals	12,732.18	-	<b>12,732.18</b>	528.00
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	12,732.18	-	<b>12,732.18</b>	528.00
<b>LIABILITIES payable after one year</b>				
Loans	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-
<b>RESERVES</b>				
Revaluation Reserves	207,500.00	-	-	207,500.00
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	207,500.00	-	-	207,500.00
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>232,053.85</b>	<b>325,961.97</b>	<b>558,015.82</b>	<b>555,815.57</b>
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# ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

## NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31st March 2024

### Note 1: Accounting policies.

#### Basis of Preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

#### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### Scout equipment

Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis over 10 years.

#### Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### Note 2: Accounting Policies

#### 2.1 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been designated for a purpose but which can be repurposed by the Trustees. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the Trust's work.

#### 2. Designated Fund reserve

This Fund arose in 2018 when the Group sold land from a bequest from the Marquess of Bedford, who died in 2003. The Bequest was not restricted, the group committee are deciding how to designate the funds.

# ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

## NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31st March 2024

### Note 3: Fixed assets

	Buildings	Scout equipment	Improvements to property	Total
<b>Cost</b>				
Balance b/fwd	400,000.00	1,921.54	4,346.70	406,268.24
Additions	-	-	2,015.00	2,015.00
Revaluations	-	-	-	-
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Balance c/fwd	400,000.00	1,921.54	6,361.70	408,283.24
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<b>Depreciation</b>				
Balance b/fwd	-	192.00	-	192.00
Charge for the year	-	192.00	-	192.00
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Balance c/fwd	-	384.00	-	384.00
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<b>Net assets @ 31/03/24</b>	<b>400,000.00</b>	<b>1,537.54</b>	<b>6,361.70</b>	<b>407,899.24</b>
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Net assets @ 31/03/23	400,000.00	1,729.54	4,346.70	406,076.24
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### Note 4: Trustees remuneration and benefits.

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2024 nor for the year ended 31st March 2023.

# **ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

**Year Ended 31st March 2024**

I report to the trustees of the Aspley Guise and Woburn Sands (6th Ampthill) Scout Group on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2024 as set on pages 8 to 12 of this report.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Jonathan Vowles FCA CTA DChA  
JVCA Ltd, Chartered Accountants  
114 High Street  
Cranfield  
MK43 0DG

**6TH AMPHILL AND WOBURN SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 300436

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# Accounts

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# ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

Charity Registration Number

300436



REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR  
THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2023

## Trustees

Group Chairman  
Group Treasurer  
Group Secretary  
Group Scout Leader  
Cub Scout Leader

Maria Wishart  
Nicola Bethell  
Joanna Appleton  
Kevin Dolling  
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# ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

## REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2023 TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

### Charitable objectives

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### Risk and Internal Control

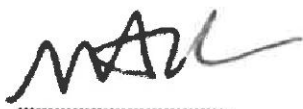
The Trustees have considered and put in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material misstatement or loss and include:

- A strategic plan and a operating budget approved by the Trustees
- Regular consideration by the Trustees of financial results, comparison with budgets and nonfinancial performance indicators
- Delegation of authority and segregation of duties
- Identification and management of risks

Safety and assessing risk is an integral part of every activity we undertake, training for this commences as part of the leader appointment process, all adult leaders and helpers are required to undergo a Criminal Records Bureau check, and training continues on an ongoing basis.

If anyone requires a copy of the audited accounts they should approach the Chairman, Treasurer or Group Scout Leader.

This Report and Accounts were approved by the trustees on: 19 September 2023  
For and on behalf of the Trustees



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Maria Wishart

## **ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP**

### **Chair's report 2022-23**

This year saw a sustained return to face-to-face scouting after the disruption of the previous two years, and our team of leaders demonstrated their usual passion and commitment in delivering outstanding Scouting for our young people. On behalf of all our members and their parents, guardians and carers, I want to thank the leaders for the energy and dedication they brought to the group this year. Thank you also to the many people who worked behind the scenes to support the leaders in delivering their ambitious programmes, including our executive committee who manage the finances of the group to the exacting standards of the Charities Commission, and maintain the Scout Centre and grounds. Without these volunteers, the group could not succeed, and we really do appreciate all that they do.

In July 2022, we were deeply saddened to report the untimely death of Ruth Marienfeld. Ruth had recently relinquished her position as Group Scout leader, a role to which she brought unparalleled commitment and energy over many years. We are profoundly grateful to Ruth for everything she did for Aspley Guise Scout Group.

During the year 2022 to 23, the executive committee continued to work on plans to develop the Scout Centre in Spinney Lane, and were successful in securing planning permission for the building phase. We will continue to drive forward this project, to ensure that our facilities are fit for purpose long into the future.

As always, if anyone out there would like to get involved in our group, as a leader, helper or behind-the-scenes member, please do get in touch. We would love to hear from you!

**Maria Wishart**

[chair@aspleyguisescouts.org.uk](mailto:chair@aspleyguisescouts.org.uk)

## **ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP**

### **Group Scout Leader Report 2022-23**

I am currently the Acting group scout leader for the group as I previously worked for the district team. When a group scout leader leaves, a member of the district team will stand in to assist the group to keep running. This is only a temporary position whilst as replacement is found.

I would like to thank the leadership team of all sections for the tireless work that they perform to plan and run an interesting and exciting programme for the young people. Also, for the time that they give not only during the week for regular meetings but for the weekend residential experiences.

I would like to thank the parents for their support for the group, especially those that volunteer as occasional helpers.

I would like to thank the current executive committee for their work taking care of the property and finances of the group.

The group has a full committee, strong leadership teams and 125 young people with the January 2023 census showing a 4% increase in membership.

Although each section has their team of leaders, the group often work together to stage group events. This year the group leadership team organised the St Georges celebrations and presentation to the previous GSL. They had joint venues for cub and scout camps and residentials, and shared Nights Away permit holders so the Beavers could enjoy a sleepover event. The whole group went climbing throughout a week in March and they have started an annual Leader Activity Morning to encourage friendship, fun and exchanges of ideas for the growth of the group.

We are delighted that 4 young people have been chosen to go to the Korean Jamboree later this year and their fundraising events have been well thought through and supported by the membership. This is one of the highest events that members of the group can take part in and the experiences will remain with them long after the event.

The leaders are actively seeking to recruit a GSL and in the process have found a number of leaders, and a woodland crew member for the county camp site.

I would like to encourage anyone who is considering volunteering to join the group to talk to one of the leaders, it is a very friendly group and very supportive. Scouting can be flexible and roles can be shared.

With your help we will continue to grow and be able to offer the fun programme to all.

Kevin

## ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

### Beavers Section Report 2022-2023



Our Beavers have had another great year of fun packed activities. Here is a summary per term:

#### 1. Summer term – 2022

In the Summer Term we were able to take part in the Promise Renewal celebrations at Milton Bryan where the beavers had the opportunity to say farewell to Ruth Marienfeld as she was stepping down as GSL, and the new leaders officially took over. We enjoyed working towards our Navigator and Campcraft badges through a mixture of at home activities and Beavers sessions that included tent pitching, knot practice, outdoor cooking, and hiking. We also enjoyed some activities related to the Jubilee with the whole group together again at Milton Bryan.

#### 2. Autumn term – 2022

In the Autumn term we welcomed some new Beavers and had a blast working on our Community Impact and Global issues badges with litter picking, a visit to Woburn Fire Station and some fairtrade cooking. The beavers had a go at sessions about endangered animals and made their own bug hotels. We also made water filters, learned about first aid, and closed it all with our joint International Christmas Party, with some of the beavers being awarded their Bronze Awards.

#### 3. Spring term -2023

In the Spring Term we concentrated on the new Disability Awareness, Cook and Health & Fitness Badges. The beavers had fun cooking pizza, making fairtrade chocolate with a professional chocolatier, received a visit from the Guide Dogs and talked about inclusivity and diversity on our Black British History session. The whole group went to Climb Quest and even managed a yoga session! We managed to offer a sleepover this term too, with the air activities badge as a theme.

We were particularly keen to accommodate the special needs of some of the beavers making sure we have an inclusive group. We were successful to welcome a few girls to the colonies too and they seem to be enjoying a lot.

The current leadership has shown great organizational skills as a first year planning all the sessions and getting familiar with OSM which has been a massive achievement to the Beavers colonies. I am proud to say we are getting the hang of it and could not have done that without the support of our dedicated team, especially Claire and Catherine.

Beaver Leaders

## ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

### Cub Section Report 2022-2023



Milton Bryan was our venue for the Groups St Georges Day celebrations to renew our Promises and to thank our retiring GSL, Ruth Marienfeld for the inspiration she has given us during the last 15 years. She went on to become the District Commissioner for Southern Europe SO. Amongst the flags, tiki lamps and campfire songs, Ruth was presented with some well-chosen gifts and some hearty cheering.

Our summer venue is the great outdoors, where we hiked, built shelters, and cooked on embers. We tried lawn bowls and athletics – cub style - and thought about how to integrate our activities with the Disability awareness badge.

Our Camps and residential this year were at Jordans, Gt Barford, the Sir John Lowther at Kettering and, a new site for us, Overstone in Northampton where we experienced Grass sledging, Frisbee golf and Bus Caving. Weekends away are a great opportunity to try new skills and make good friends thanks to the commitment from our scouting families and Leaders.

The Autumn term was a mixture of pioneering challenges, communication, international festivals, and emergency aid. We tried Obangsaek Art from Korea, talked about Personal Safety, and had a good night out at Mr Mulligans Crazy Golf. The term finished with a joint party for both packs.

We started Spring term with a talk with the Parents about our Behavioural Policy for Adults and the cubs followed that with their revised Code of conduct. Our Young Leaders ran a problem-solving night with Raksha, and Chil came with some very messy science experiments, which we all loved of course! We were looking to the skies for our Astronomy work and went even higher at Climbquest where we were able to invest our new cubs on the towering walls. Many congratulations to Baloo for earning her Wood Badge.

The Cub Leadership Team continue to do their best, and we welcomed Chris (Rama), and Victoria (Hathi) to the team and Kevin, our temporary GSL. I thank Rachel (Baloo), Anne (Bagheera), Sharon (Dahinda), Georgia (Raksha) & Sam (Mang) for their work and inspiration and particularly Catherine (Ko), for her guidance and support as we navigated our way following the crushing news of Ruth's death. We move forwards continuing in the scouting spirit of resilience, fun and adventure.

Claire Tobin, Akela

## **ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP**

### **Scout Section report 2022-23**



The Scouts continue to have enough young people to warrant two full troops meeting weekly on separate evenings. We run a joint programme focussing on traditional scouting skills, such as map reading, first aid, pioneering, and camp cooking, and new experiences via badge work.

During this period, we have completed activities towards the Naturalist badge, with a popular evening of live owls in the hut and building bird boxes, and the Cyclist badge, which included bike maintenance, a bike rodeo and an off-road expedition around Cranfield and Marston Moretaine. The Scouts have learned about other cultures, making traditional decorations for the Chinese New Year and learning about the countries in the Football World Cup.

Overnight adventures are a key part of the programme. We held two camps, both under canvas with the Scouts cooking for themselves. A summer camp at Great Barford and a winter camp at The Lowther Activity Centre in Kettering. In addition, the older Scouts had a self-supported overnight backpacking expedition across the Dunstable Downs and Chiltern Hills.

A big thank you to the leaders who delivered the varied programme over the year. In addition, the parent helpers who provide much-needed adult support during some activities are invaluable, and without this support, many activities would not be possible.

## ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 31st March 2023

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total £	2022 £
Total Receipts for the year	33,020.60	1,408.42	<b>34,429.02</b>	36,650.69
Total Payments for the year	34,685.36	-	<b>34,685.36</b>	28,944.56
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Net receipts / (payments)	(1,664.76)	1,408.42	<b>(256.34)</b>	7,706.13
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
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	(1,664.76)	1,408.42	<b>(256.34)</b>	7,706.13
Net assets at 31 March 2022	240,513.45	315,538.68	<b>556,072.13</b>	548,366.00
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Net assets at 31 March 2023	238,848.69	316,967.10	<b>555,815.79</b>	556,072.13
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## ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

### RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED for the year ended 31st March 2023

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total £	2022 £
<b>MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>	21,834.59		<b>21,834.59</b>	19,373.12
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED</b>				
Bank interest	602.29	1,408.42	<b>2,010.71</b>	34.25
Scout Association Investment interest	-	-	-	-
Dividends	-	-	-	-
Property rents	663.00	-	<b>663.00</b>	-
	1,265.29	1,408.42	<b>2,673.71</b>	34.25
<b>DONATIONS AND GRANTS</b>	-	-	-	8,000.00
<b>ACTIVITIES &amp; TRIPS</b>	8,143.53	-	<b>8,143.53</b>	5,885.06
<b>FUND RAISING</b>	-	-	-	765.59
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	-	-	-	-
Income tax recovered:	-	-	-	-
on subscriptions	-	-	-	75.70
on dividends and interest	-	-	-	-
				75.70
<b>SUNDRY RECEIPTS</b>				
Uniform sales	1,777.19	-	<b>1,777.19</b>	2,667.77
Badge receipts	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Loan receipts	-	-	-	-
	1,777.19	-	<b>1,777.19</b>	2,667.77
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>33,020.60</b>	<b>1,408.42</b>	<b>34,429.02</b>	<b>36,650.69</b>

## ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

### ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2023

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Total	2022
<b>PREMISES</b>				
Rent	350.00	-	<b>350.00</b>	390.00
Rates	-	-	-	-
Light and heat	4,922.24	-	<b>4,922.24</b>	217.46
Insurance	2,445.40	-	<b>2,445.40</b>	2,373.91
Repairs and renewals	1,419.87	-	<b>1,419.87</b>	2,343.83
Building costs & Cleaning	1,802.00	-	<b>1,802.00</b>	435.00
	10,939.51	-	<b>10,939.51</b>	5,760.20
<b>DONATIONS AND GRANTS</b>				
Other	529.45	-	<b>529.45</b>	601.30
	529.45	-	<b>529.45</b>	601.30
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	12,603.52	-	<b>12,603.52</b>	11,621.62
<b>FUND RAISING EXPENSES</b>				
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>				
Capitation	5,781.00	-	<b>5,781.00</b>	5,310.00
Uniforms	4,005.30	-	<b>4,005.30</b>	1,936.56
Other	335.55	-	<b>335.55</b>	3,239.28
	10,121.85	-	<b>10,121.85</b>	10,485.84
<b>TRUSTEES EXPENSES</b>				
Other expenses (Compensation)	-	-	-	25.60
Legal and professional expenses	-	-	-	-
Audit & Accountancy	491.03	-	<b>491.03</b>	450.00
Bank charges	-	-	-	-
	491.03	-	<b>491.03</b>	475.60
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>				
Purchases of badges & uniforms	-	-	-	-
Unpresented cheques	-	-	-	-
Sundry payments	-	-	-	-
Suspense items	-	-	-	-
Bad debts	-	-	-	-
Loan repayment	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>34,685.36</b>	-	<b>34,685.36</b>	<b>8,944.56</b>

## ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

### ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

#### BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st March 2023

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Total	2022
<b>MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
NatWest current account	5,660.54	-	<b>5,660.54</b>	19,832.57
Lloyds current account	-	-	-	-
NatWest reserve account	23,149.96	-	<b>23,149.96</b>	22,547.76
NatWest deposit account 1	4,673.09	316,947.15	<b>321,620.24</b>	320,211.82
NatWest deposit account 2	-	19.95	<b>19.95</b>	19.86
PayPal account	7,316.64	-	<b>7,316.64</b>	18.53
Petty cash	-	-	-	-
	<b>40,800.23</b>	<b>316,967.10</b>	<b>357,767.33</b>	<b>362,630.54</b>
<b>NON-MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Land and buildings	400,000.00	-	<b>400,000.00</b>	192,500.00
Refurbishment Cost	4,346.92	-	<b>4,346.92</b>	-
Scout equipment	1,921.54	-	<b>1,921.54</b>	1921.54
Accumulated Depreciation on Scout equipment	- 192.00	-	<b>192.00</b>	-
	<b>406,076.46</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>406,076.46</b>	<b>194,421.54</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>446,876.69</b>	<b>316,967.10</b>	<b>763,843.79</b>	<b>557,052.08</b>
<b>LIABILITIES due within one year</b>				
Accruals	528.00	-	<b>528.00</b>	980.17
	<b>528.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>528.00</b>	<b>980.17</b>
<b>LIABILITIES payable after one year</b>				
Loans	-	-	-	-
other long-term Liabilities	-	-	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>RESERVES</b>				
Revaluation Reserve	207,500.00	-	<b>207,500.00</b>	-
	<b>207,500.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>207,500.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>238,848.69</b>	<b>316,967.10</b>	<b>555,815.79</b>	<b>556,071.91</b>

# ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

## NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31st March 2023

### Note 1: Accounting policies.

#### Basis of Preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

#### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### Scout equipment

Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis over 10 years.

#### Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### Note 2: Accounting Policies

#### 2.1 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been designated for a purpose but which can be repurposed by the Trustees. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the Trust's work.

#### 2. Designated Fund reserve

This Fund arose in 2018 when the Group sold land from a bequest from the Marquess of Bedford, who died in 2003. The Bequest was not restricted, the group committee are deciding how to designate the funds.

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### NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

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#### Note 3: Fixed Assets

	Buildings	Scout equipment	Improvements to property	Total
<u>Cost</u>				
Balance b/fwd	192,500.00	1,921.54		194,421.54
Additions			4,346.92	4,346.92
Revaluations	207,500.00			207,500.00
Balance c/fwd	<u>400,000.00</u>	<u>1,921.54</u>	<u>4,346.70</u>	<u>406,268.46</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>				
Balance b/fwd	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	192.00	-	192.00
Balance c/fwd	<u>-</u>	<u>192.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>192.00</u>
Net assets @ 31/03/23	<u>400,000.00</u>	<u>1,729.54</u>	<u>4,346.70</u>	<u>406,076.46</u>
Net assets @ 31/03/22	<u>192,500.00</u>	<u>1,921.54</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>194,421.54</u>

#### Note 4: Trustees remuneration and benefits.

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.

## ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Year Ended 31st March 2023

I report to the trustees of the Aspley Guise and Woburn Sands (6th Ampthill) Scout Group on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2023 as set on pages 8 to 13 of this report.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

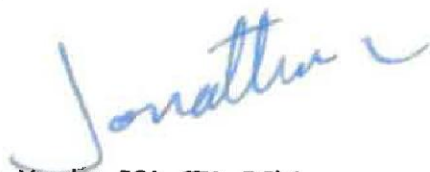
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Jonathan Vowles FCA CTA DChA  
JVCA Ltd, Chartered Accountants  
114 High Street  
Cranfield  
MK43 0DG

**6TH AMPHILL AND WOBURN SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 300436

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# Accounts

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# ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

Charity Registration Number

300436



## REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2022

### Trustees

Group Chairman  
Group Treasurer  
Group Secretary  
Group Scout Leader  
Cub Scout Leader

Maria Wishart  
Christina Kitt  
Joanna Appleton  
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Claire Tobin  
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### Chair's Report – Maria Wishart

As the pandemic continued during 2021, our leaders carried on delivering top quality Scouting, adapting to the circumstances and ensuring that our young people had the opportunity to interact with others and to continue their Scouting journey. Once more, then, on behalf of our young people and their parents, guardians and carers, I want to thank our dedicated and passionate leaders for all that they did to keep Scouting going in these extremely difficult circumstances. They delivered in very challenging circumstances, often switching between virtual and face-to-face meetings at short notice, and continually responding to the ever-changing legal requirements and guidance. We owe a special debt of gratitude to Ruth Marienfeld our Group Scout Leader who worked tirelessly with the leadership team to develop these programmes, and to ensure that all requirements were met. Thank you also to the people worked behind the scenes on the committee to ensure that our group remained financially stable, and complied with all the necessary regulations, during these difficult times.

As ever, if anyone out there would like to get involved in our group, as a leader, helper or behind-the-scenes member, please do get in touch. This is your chance to step forward, to give something back, and to help ensure that Aspley Guise Scout Group continues to thrive. What are you waiting for?

Maria Wishart

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Beaver Leader's Report



Our Beavers have had a fantastic, fun-filled year!

In the Summer Term we returned to face-to-face scouting and were able to take part in some St George's Day celebrations and socially distanced outdoor activities. We enjoyed working towards our Navigator and Campcraft badges through a mixture of at home activities and Beavers sessions that included tent pitching, knot practice, outdoor cooking and hiking. In the Autumn term we welcomed some new Beavers and got our blood pumping and hearts racing as we completed our Health and Fitness badge. We had our very own Sport Day, made lots of yummy, healthy snacks and completed a messy experiment all about our teeth. We also worked on our Money Skills badge and even set up our own shops to trade toys with each other! Lots of Beavers attended our Pirate themed sleepovers this term, which were a huge success.

In the Spring Term our themes were Dinosaurs and Space. We donned our white coats and goggles and had a messy Science night (which included making space food!). We also had lots of fun outdoors learning about the night's sky. At our Spring sleepovers the Beavers had lots of fun completing a dino ranger trail before their fish and chip supper and nighttime film (they even managed to get some sleep!).

We were fortunate enough to be able to enjoy a number external visits throughout the year. These included a trip to Climbquest, the Safety Centre and a visit from the Reptiles Roadshow.

Quite a few of our Beavers have achieved their Chief Scout's Bronze Award this year. We are very proud of them and want to congratulate them on their achievement.

A huge thank you to the whole team: Moema (Phaona), Chantelle (Iki), Jenny (Sahi), Bob (Won-tolla), David (Kaa) and our Young Leaders.

**Victoria Rolton (Nushka)**

Want to help this amazing team more? What do you enjoy doing? How much time do you want to give? We're on the lookout for people to complete a variety of tasks. We're flexible and will manage to find something for everyone, no matter what time or skills you have!

Contact [join@aspleyguisescouts.org.uk](mailto:join@aspleyguisescouts.org.uk)

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## Cub Leader's report

Summer Term 2021 saw interesting times! We were given the green light to return to face-to-face Scouting but with additional Covid measures in place. The Cubs section ran alternating weekly sessions of meetings and newsletters with at-home tasks. Working with a maximum of 15 Cubs per group, Leaders doubling up across Tuesday and Thursday and no sharing of equipment was certainly a challenge but with some brilliant teamwork and the help of our new Leader, Georgia, we managed frisbee golf, fire lighting, hiking, and making mini ballistas. We even did some backwoods cooking using metal colanders as individual fire bowls.

Over the summer holiday many of the Cubs and Leaders attended the activity days at Phasels Wood, organised by Ruth, where the campfire singing was inexplicably voted the favourite activity.

Autumn Term saw a very welcome return to (almost) normal although we tried to stay outside as much as possible. In November we held our first post-Covid residential at the Leslie Sell Campsite in Bromham, easing everyone back in with small groups staying either Friday or Saturday night. As Covid numbers started to climb again, we even held our world-famous Christmas Party outdoors.

We stayed outside throughout January before venturing indoors for shadow puppets, 3D mapping and a trip to Hollywood Bowl. The Cubs turned their attention to World Scouting including cooking, dancing, and activities to celebrate Lunar New Year. A weekend residential was held at Phasels Wood campsite in March, again with groups staying for one night.

In all, the year has been challenging but very rewarding; Leaders and Cubs have worked together to complete as full a programme as possible. We also thank parents for their help, flexibility and understanding.

**Anne, Claire, Catherine, Georgia, Rachel, Sam, Sharon**

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# SCOUTS

With the implementation of Red, Amber and Green Covid restrictions, the troop operated a hybrid model of face-to-face meetings with smaller groups and online activities for the first part of the year. Once Covid restrictions were lifted, we returned to full Scouting, with two troops meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays. Traditional scouting skills, such as pioneering, campfire cooking and map reading have been complemented by some new experiences.

As ever food has always been popular, with the Scouts Learning new cuisines through street food and vegan cooking evenings as well as our usual Pancake, Burns Nights and patrol cooking competition. We have been out and about in our community, with treasure hunts to learn the history of Woburn Sands, nature trails in Milton Keynes, litter picking around Kingston, and recording the location and status of street lighting in Aspley Guise. The ability to run overnight camps was curtailed, but we managed to conduct a Japanese Christmas-themed residential weekend in December, a bushcraft day and a backpacking expedition for the older Scouts.

A big thank you to the leaders who delivered the varied programme over the year. In addition, the parent helpers who provide much-needed adult support during some activities are invaluable, and without this support many activities would not be possible.

**Pete Jones**

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# EXPLORERS

An exciting year of activities for the Aurora Explorer Scout Unit including a wide range of activities, all of which were planned by the Explorers themselves.

In 2021 we successfully completed the Air activities badge with the key highlight being cooking a three-course "in-flight" meal for £5 that fitted on a sheet of A4. Tasty and economic.

'Smores and campfires at the hut have become a termly favourite and a great way to reflect on past activities whilst planning ahead. Cooking and food in general have been popular themes with our Biscuit World Cup (Custard Creams!), Bake Off (Gordon Ramsay's Shortbread?), International cooking evening, Pancakes, scavenger hunt with chips, Soda Bread, and more biscuits.

Night hikes have been broadly successful, but often slower than anticipated due to finding stuff to investigate and discussions to be had along the way. Our biggest hike was a night-long hike planned and led by Ruth, starting at Albert Bridge on the Thames at 10pm and following the river downstream to finish at the Dome, cable car over the river and then an amazing hotel buffet breakfast. Some sleep was had in the park by the Cutty Sark at 4am. An fantastic overnight experience, with investitures on Tower Bridge included.

Our first Explorer Camp was held in August at a great campsite, Gradbach, in the Peak District. Claire kindly assisted as the permit holder and was amazed by the wonderful bunch of people who thoroughly looked after her and each other. Kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding provided great opportunities for games and generally dunking each other. A free drop abseil over the River Wye from the Monsal Trail was a real challenge for many, but all rose to the occasion. A long final day hike included paying our respects to Ruth at Lud's Church, eating overpriced ice cream, and watching climbers at the Roaches. Feedback was very positive, only thing really missing was a campfire – duly noted.

Other highlights include a balloon debate where individuals argued for their worthiness to be kept in a sinking hot air balloon, indoor sky diving (a real challenge or many), supermarket A to Z, water fights, signing for the deaf, disability awareness, lots of wide games, Art Scavenger hunt in Campbell Park, MK Monopoly run, AquaPark, Ice Hockey and more.

Looking forwards we have more exciting plans including both a Winter and a Summer Camp and more biscuits.

**Dan Connall**

# **ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP**

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

**Year Ended 31st March 2022**

### **Charitable objectives**

The Group's charitable objective is the development of young people by helping them to achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities, by producing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training guided by the adult leadership.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities in preparing the annual report and financial statements.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scout Association Group. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. The Trustees meet as a Board on a periodic basis to review the strategy and performance of the Group and to set operating plans and budgets. Day-to-day control is delegated to the leaders of the various scouting sections under the direction of the Group Scout Leader.

### **Risk and Internal Control**

The Trustees have considered and put in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material misstatement or loss and include:

- A strategic plan and a operating budget approved by the Trustees
- Regular consideration by the Trustees of financial results, comparison with budgets and non-financial performance indicators
- Delegation of authority and segregation of duties
- Identification and management of risks

Safety and assessing risk is an integral part of every activity we undertake, training for this commences as part of the leader appointment process, all adult leaders and helpers are required to undergo a Criminal Records Bureau check, and training continues on an ongoing basis.

If anyone requires a copy of the audited accounts they should approach the Chairman, Treasurer or Group Scout Leader.

This Report and Accounts were approved by the trustees on:  
For and on behalf of the Trustees

## ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31st March 2022

	General funds	Designated funds	<b>Total</b>	2021
Total Receipts for the year	36,618.67	32.02	<b>36,650.69</b>	24,613.66
Total Payments for the year	28,944.56	-	<b>28,944.56</b>	28,315.13
Net receipts / (payments)	7,674.11	32.02	<b>7,706.13</b>	3,701.47
Transfers between funds	6,952.00	(6,952.00)	-	-
Net assets at 31 March 2021	14,626.11	(6,919.98)	<b>7,706.13</b>	3,701.47
	225,907.20	322,458.80	<b>548,366.00</b>	552,067.47
Net assets at 31 March 2022	240,533.31	315,538.82	<b>556,072.13</b>	548,366.00
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## ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

### RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st March 2022

	General funds	Designated funds	Total	2021
<b>MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>	19,373.72		<b>19,373.72</b>	14,450.24
<b>SALE OF ASSET</b>				
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED</b>				
Bank interest	2.23	32.02	<b>34.25</b>	139.91
Scout Association Investment interest	-		-	-
Dividends	-		-	-
Property rents	-		-	-
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	2.23	32.02	<b>34.25</b>	139.91
<b>DONATIONS AND GRANTS</b>	8,000.00	-	<b>8,000.00</b>	10,000.00
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	5,885.06		<b>5,885.06</b>	2,355.94
<b>FUND RAISING</b>	765.59		<b>765.59</b>	309.13
<b>SALE OF LAND</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	-		-	183.60
Income tax recovered:				
on subscriptions	- 75.70	-	<b>75.70</b>	-
on dividends and interest	-		-	-
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	- 75.70	-	<b>75.70</b>	183.60
<b>SUNDRY RECEIPTS</b>				
Uniform sales	2,667.77		<b>2,667.77</b>	1,886.72
Badge receipts	-		-	-
Other	-		-	-
Loan receipts	-		-	-
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	2,667.77	-	<b>2,667.77</b>	1,886.72
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<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	36,618.67	32.02	<b>36,650.69</b>	24,613.66
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**ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP****PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED****31st March 2022**

	General funds	Designated funds	Total	2021
<b>PREMISES</b>				
Rent	390.00		<b>390.00</b>	135.00
Cleaning	435.00		<b>435.00</b>	-
Light and heat	217.46		<b>217.46</b>	2,223.00
Insurance	2,373.91		<b>2,373.91</b>	1,883.00
Repairs and renewals	2,343.83	-	<b>2,343.83</b>	11,273.62
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	5,760.20	-	<b>5,760.20</b>	15,514.62
<b>DONATIONS AND GRANTS</b>				
Beds County Scouts	-		-	-
Explorer scouts	-		-	-
Other	601.30		<b>601.30</b>	872.58
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	601.30	-	601.30	872.58
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	11,621.62		<b>11,621.62</b>	3,779.07
<b>Trips</b>	-		-	-
<b>FUND RAISING EXPENSES</b>	-		-	-
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>				
AGM expenses	-		-	-
Capitation	5,310.00		<b>5,310.00</b>	5,110.00
Leader training	-		-	-
Postage and stationery	-		-	-
Website	-		-	147.00
Uniforms and Badges	1,936.56		<b>1,936.56</b>	2,093.41
Other	3,239.28		<b>3,239.28</b>	318.45
Capital equipment purchases	-		-	-
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	10,485.84	-	<b>10,485.84</b>	7,668.86
<b>TRUSTEES EXPENSES</b>				
Other expenses (Compensation)	25.60		<b>25.60</b>	-
Legal and professional expenses	-		-	-
Audit & Accountancy	450.00		<b>450.00</b>	480.00
Bank charges	-		-	-
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	475.60	-	<b>475.60</b>	480.00

**ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP**

**PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED - CONTINUED**

**31st March 2022**

	General funds	Designated funds	<b>Total</b>	2021
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>				
Purchases of badges & uniforms	-		-	-
Unpresented cheques	-		-	-
Sundry payments	-		-	-
Suspense items	-		-	-
Bad debts	-		-	-
Loan repayment			-	-
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<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	28,944.56	-	28,944.56	28,315.13
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## ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

### BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st March 2022

	General funds	Designated funds	Total	2021
<b>MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Natwest current account	19,832.57		<b>19,832.57</b>	12,566.03
Lloyds current account	-	-	-	-
Natwest deposit account	22,547.76	-	<b>22,547.76</b>	22,545.53
Natwest deposit account 1	4,673.00	315,538.82	<b>320,211.82</b>	320,179.80
Natwest deposit account 2	19.86	-	<b>19.86</b>	19.86
Paypal account	18.53	-	<b>18.53</b>	0.02
Petty cash	-	-	-	-
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	47,091.72	315,538.82	<b>362,630.54</b>	355,311.24
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<b>NON-MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Badge Secretary's stocks	-	-	-	-
Group Shop stocks	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	192,500.00	-	<b>192,500.00</b>	192,500.00
Scout equipment	1,921.54	-	<b>1,921.54</b>	1,921.54
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	194,421.54	-	<b>194,421.54</b>	194,421.54
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	241,513.26	315,538.82	<b>557,052.08</b>	549,732.78
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<b>LIABILITIES due within one year</b>				
Creditors	-	-	-	-
Accruals	980.17	-	<b>980.17</b>	261.75
Other	-	-	-	1,105.25
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	980.17	-	<b>980.17</b>	1,367.00
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<b>LIABILITIES payable after one year</b>				
Loans	-	-	-	-
Other long term liabilities	-	-	-	-
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>	240,533.09	315,538.82	<b>556,071.91</b>	548,365.78
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Signed on behalf of the committee or trustees.

Treasurer

## **ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP**

Notes on the accounts

### **Note 1: Basis of Preparation**

#### 1.1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
- and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

### **Note 2: Accounting Policies**

#### 2.1 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been designated for a purpose but which can be repurposed by the Trustees. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the Trust's work.

#### 2. Designated Fund reserve

This Fund arose in 2018 when the Group sold land from a bequest from the Marquess of Bedford, who died in 2003. The Bequest was not restricted, the group committee are deciding how to designate the funds.

**ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**Year Ended 31st March 2022**

I report to the trustees of the Aspley Guise and Woburn Sands (6th Ampthill) Scout Group on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2022 as set on on pages 8 to 13

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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