

2ND AMERSHAM ON THE HILL SCOUT GROUP
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Registered charity No. 300650

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Reference and administration details

Charity name: 2nd Amersham on the Hill Scout Group

Registered number: 300650

HQ registration number: 10009924

Principal address: Jubilee Scout Hall, Rectory Hill, Amersham, Bucks HP7 0BT

Trustees who served during the year:

Chairman:	Tim Sleet
Group Scout Leader:	Nardine Blue
Treasurer:	Kevin Barnes
	Thomas Dixon
	Michelle Steiger

Advisors who served during the year

Accounts Auditor Ben Griffiths

Structure, governance and management

The Charity's Governing Document is Chapter 3 of The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules, which deals specifically with individual Scout Groups.

Our Scout Group continues to thrive with just under 200 young people across 7 sections, and 32 adult volunteers regularly supporting us. The Group consists of two Scout Troops, three Cub Packs and two Beavers Colonies.

Trustees are appointed or reappointed at the Annual General Meeting, or co-opted during the year and their appointment confirmed at the Annual General Meeting.

Objectives and activities

The main objective of the 2nd Amersham on the Hill Scout Group is to provide scouting activities for young people in the Amersham area. This objective has been successfully achieved.

During school term time the sections meet weekly. In addition to meetings at the Jubilee Scout Hall, activities of a scouting nature are organised both in term time and during the school holidays.

Main achievements and performance

Our young people enjoy a wide and varied programme, participating in weekly section meetings, alongside both Misbourne Valley District and Bucks County run events – County Beaveree at Paccar, Bucks Endurance 10K, and The Grimsdyke Hike as examples.

Our Scout Troops host two regular events – Chesham Triathlon, a shooting, archery and orientation competition, and Bridge The Misbourne, a Pioneering competition. With participation of multiple young people from around our District.

Whilst we continue to seek opportunities to increase the level of community impact our Group has, a number of our sections have already supported the local community with sponsored litter picks, broadcasting on a charity radio station (Radio Christmas) and Christmas Carol singing at a local care home.

We are very fortunate to have a long standing, dedicated and enthusiastic team of adult volunteers, many of whom have multiple roles. As well as those that support sections each week, we have qualified Skills Instructors who run Climbing and Archery sessions for our own teams, as well as other Scout Groups. Our Climbing wall has been very well used since its installation during the building of our new premises in 2020.

Financial Review

Details of the group's income and expenditure are shown in the accompanying accounts.

Running the Group

The total receipts for the year were £108,799. The receipts comprised:

- £11,858 membership subs (after deducting the Misbourne Council charges of £11,529);
- £79,172 of income from lettings and investment income; and
- £17,769 of other income including from fundraising, donations, contributions towards activities and gift aid.

The net subs of £11,858 were 39% higher than the previous year (£8,561) due to subs receipts growing by over £4,000. Our regular hall hirers and one-off parties also brought in over £2,000 more than last year. This largely offset donations, contributions to activities and other income being down by over £7,000.

As the new building is now paid off, we no longer needed to generate the additional income to fund this. This new build income was just shy of £20,000 last year. As a result, our overall income is approximately £21,000 lower than last year.

The cost of running our premises was much higher this year (£56,097 vs. £34,643 in 2023). We spent an additional c. £10,000 on repairs and renewals through correcting and improving items to better meet our needs. Other expenses also rose due to inflation and

more intensive hall use. As a result, cleaning bills and charges for utilities were significantly higher. In addition, we paid a full year of caretaking fees (in comparison to 6 months last year). Despite being an additional cost, having the caretaker alleviates the burden on the Trustees to maintain the hall.

Our sundry payments (£15,141 vs. £2,779 in 2023) were also higher, mainly due to expenses of adjusting the Land Registry details in relation to the new car park. Despite the numerous cost rises, the group still returned to a positive net cashflow this year due to the debt in respect of the hall having been paid off. In 2023 the final payment for the build was approximately £106,000.

The Trustees aim to maintain a cash reserve of £50,000 as a contingency fund. At 31 March 2024, the group's funds stood at approximately £75,800 which should comfortably enable the group to meet its obligations and continue its activities should there be unforeseen circumstances, such as the loss of income and fundraising activities fall short. A review of this sum is made on yearly basis and details how the reserves should be used under what scenario.

To carry on its activities, the group relies on the substantial unpaid voluntary work of the Executive Committee, the Section Leaders, the Fundraising Committee and parent helpers, to all of whom grateful thanks are extended.

Kevin Barnes
Honorary Treasurer
On behalf of the Trustees

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 2nd Amersham on the Hill Scout Group

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages ⁵ ~~4~~ to ~~7~~. 9

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to :

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

Basis of the independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

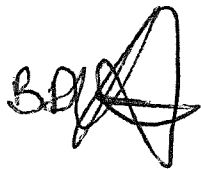
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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

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

have not been met; or

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



26/11/24

Ben Griffiths

Address: 117 Stanley Hill, Amersham HP7 9HQ

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2024

	This year Total Funds £	22/23 Year Total £	21/22 Year Total £
Total receipts for the year (see page 5)	108,799	129,873	133,353
Total payments for the year (see page 6)	(90,363)	(166,562)	(118,842)
Net (payments) / receipts for the year	18,436	(36,689)	14,510
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	57,504	94,193	79,683
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	75,940	57,504	94,194

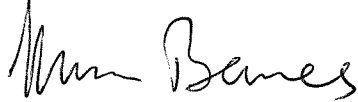
The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on
and signed on their behalf by:

Chairman  26/11/24

Group Scout Leader

 26/11/24

Honorary Treasurer

 26/11/24

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RECEIPTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2024

	This year Total Funds £	22/23 Year Total £	21/22 Year Total £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	23,387	19,004	21,123
Less paid (Misbourne Valley Scout Council)	(11,529)	(10,443)	(5,980)
	<u>11,858</u>	<u>8,561</u>	<u>15,143</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED			
Bank Interest	129	62	44
Property Rents (Hall Lettings)	79,044	76,665	49,430
	<u>79,172</u>	<u>76,727</u>	<u>49,473</u>
DONATIONS / GRANTS	2,431	3,340	1,879
	<u>2,431</u>	<u>3,340</u>	<u>1,879</u>
ACTIVITIES			
Contributions to activities	7,018	10,637	4,810
	<u>7,018</u>	<u>10,637</u>	<u>4,810</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Gift Aid	4,417	4,348	4,540
Fundraising events	3,170	4,985	-
Other Income/receipts	-	1,423	3,119
Explorers Partnership Agreement	734	-	-
	<u>8,320</u>	<u>10,756</u>	<u>7,659</u>
NEW BUILD INCOME	-	19,852	54,389
	<u>-</u>	<u>19,852</u>	<u>54,389</u>
Total Receipts	<u>108,799</u>	<u>129,873</u>	<u>133,353</u>

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PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2023

	This year Total Funds £	22/23 Year Total £	21/22 Year Total £
PREMISES			
Rates	(386)	(627)	(684)
Light & Heat	(13,579)	(9,926)	(903)
Insurance	(5,406)	(5,431)	(5,951)
Repairs & Renewals	(16,246)	(5,873)	(12,089)
Cleaning	(10,900)	(8,282)	(6,157)
Gardening	(2,710)	(1,407)	(1,958)
Waste	(2,414)	(1,020)	(784)
Caretaking	(4,010)	(1,908)	
Water	(446)	(169)	(91)
	<u>(56,097)</u>	<u>(34,643)</u>	<u>(28,617)</u>
ACTIVITIES			
Woden & Thor Scouts	(6,463)	(5,443)	(2,568)
Titan Scouts	-	-	(368)
Wolf Cub Pack	(1,258)	(1,209)	(175)
Trimby Cub Pack	(903)	(1,672)	(1,239)
Milan Cub Pack	(984)	(1,201)	(1,239)
Forester Beavers	(732)	(1,947)	(582)
Woodlander Beavers	(985)	(1,718)	(1,156)
Training	-	(516)	-
	<u>(11,326)</u>	<u>(13,707)</u>	<u>(7,326)</u>
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES			
Printing, Postage & Stationery	-	(107)	-
Telephone, Broadband & TV License	(716)	(811)	(514)
Hallmaster/OSM/Music/Lottery Licence	(851)	(808)	(794)
	<u>(1,567)</u>	<u>(1,726)</u>	<u>(1,308)</u>
EQUIPMENT			
Camping/Archery Equipment/Trailer	-	(1,172)	(763)
Minibus running costs	(492)	(599)	(943)
Hall Equipment	(4,432)	(3,545)	(3,312)
Uniforms and Badges	(1,303)	(2,538)	(730)
	<u>(6,227)</u>	<u>(7,854)</u>	<u>(5,749)</u>
SUNDRY PAYMENTS			
Remembrance Day wreath	(225)	(248)	(167)
Torchlight procession costs	(69)	(274)	(529)
Group Camp	(4,653)	70	-
Volunteer event	-	(783)	(783)
Donation -Scout Jamboree	-	(500)	
Property title changes	(9,932)	-	-
Sundry	(267)	(1,045)	(986)
	<u>(15,146)</u>	<u>(2,779)</u>	<u>(2,465)</u>
NEW BUILD PAYMENTS			
	-	(105,854)	(74,161)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(105,854)</u>	<u>(74,161)</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>(90,363)</u>	<u>(166,562)</u>	<u>(119,626)</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2023

	This year Total Funds £	22/23 Year Total £	21/22 Year Total £
MONETARY ASSETS			
Bank current accounts	50,538	52,725	70,444
Deposit and Building society accounts	25,187	4,564	22,544
Cash in hand	215	215	215
Paypal		-	990
	<u>75,940</u>	<u>57,504</u>	<u>94,193</u>
NON-MONETARY ASSETS			
Assets retained for the charity's own use:			
Land and buildings - Jubilee Hall	2,264,317	2,264,317	2,110,250
Climbing wall	24,500	35,000	-
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc.	57,000	57,000	57,000
Minibus	-	-	-
	<u>2,345,817</u>	<u>2,356,317</u>	<u>2,167,250</u>
LIABILITIES		-	72,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,000</u>

Land & buildings and equipment are shown at their insured value.

Climbing wall is shown at insured value less 10% depreciation per year (purchased in January 2021)

Minibus is shown at purchase price less 25% depreciation per year (purchased in February 2014).

We, the Executive Committee and Trustees of 2nd Amersham on the Hill Scout Group have been approached by representatives of the liquidators for Armfield Construction (the builders of the new hall) to make final retention payments on the Scout Hall build. We dispute the liability as the cost of correcting the defects is greater than the retention sum.

This remains an outstanding issue but we expect this to be resolved with no money's owing except for costs associated with administering the liquidators. These costs can be covered from our general funds.