

2ND AMERSHAM ON THE HILL SCOUT GROUP
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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

Advisors who served during the year:

Independent Examiner: 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 160 young people across 6 sections, and 38 adult volunteers regularly supporting us. The Group consists of two Scout Troops, three Cub Packs and two Beavers Colonies. We also have a partnership with Explorers who have 39 members.

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 Scout Group remains popular, particularly with the Beaver and Scout age groups. There has been a drop in Cub numbers but that is expected to be short lived. Nationally there has been a drop in Cub numbers.

We are now reaching the final bow wave effect of Covid, with a burst in Scout age young people. Intake in 2021 was high as we didn't enrol any new members in 2020. These 6-7 year olds are now reaching 10-11 and the demand in our Scout Troops is high. This should even out in late 2026.

Over the last year, we have made a concerted effort to try and manage our waiting list a little more robustly, in an attempt to reduce the numbers and give young people a realistic chance of joining our Group, rather than languishing on a waiting list. To that end the list is currently closed to any age over 5 years and 0 months. This will need to be reviewed in Jan 2026.

Our members continue to enjoy wide and varied programmes, which is particularly admirable given the ever present need for additional volunteers, at the moment both Beavers and Cubs are short on support. We've been very fortunate to welcome back two returning volunteers to Trimby Cubs.

Our team leaders and members are all amazing volunteers and we once again extend the most enormous thanks and gratitude to them.

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 £100,890. The receipts comprised:

- £11,821 membership subs (after deducting the Misbourne Council charges of £10,944);
- £73,267 of income from lettings and investment income; and
- £15,802 of other income including from fundraising, donations and contributions towards activities.

Our subscription revenue was similar year on year, with a 3% drop in membership subs offset by 5% saving in the capitation paid to Misbourne Valley Scout Council.

Income from our regular hall hirers and one-off parties reduced by 8% this year. This was largely due to a reduction in Saturday night hire and a stop of Sunday night hire, and closing the hall over Easter and for a few weeks over Christmas for maintenance.

Donations, contributions to activities and other income were down by close to £2,400, affected by the phasing of our gift aid receipt falling into April 2025. This income will be recognised in next year's accounts.

The cost of running our premises came back down by almost 30% this year (£41,048 vs. £56,097 in 2023). Most savings were across our utility bills, spending almost £6,000 less on light and heat bills due to a reduction in energy prices and also a 2 year fixed combined fuel deal. Our need for repairs and renewals was not as high, with over a £4,000 saving compared to last year. An overall saving of £15,000 on premises was closely matched by a saving of just over £14,000 on Sundry payments. This was mainly due to not needing to repeat large one-off legal fees paid in the previous accounting period to secure our property title changes. Confirmation from HM Land Registry was received in March this year for the freehold of the car park, while the field lease has been extended to the year 2216, benefiting Scouts for many years to come. These saving have more than offset smaller cost increases elsewhere, such as our sections spending over £1,500 more on activities.

Despite the fall in income, the larger cost savings have resulted in the group returning double the surplus taken last year, at close to £38,000.

The Trustees aim to maintain a cash reserve of £50,000 as a contingency fund. At 31 March 2025, the group's funds stood at approximately £114,000 which comfortably enables 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 a yearly basis and details how the reserves should be used under what scenario.

It has been agreed by the Trustees that subscriptions will not be increased for another year as reserves are sufficient. In real terms, this is a subscription reduction given inflation and rising costs.

Plans for enhancing the Scout hall with new activity equipment are being researched and the Trustees have asked the leaders for ideas as well. Costs for a zip line and climbing tower for the field are being explored, with prices coming in currently at around £50,000. Further enquiries are being made to see if this cost can be bettered.

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 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 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:

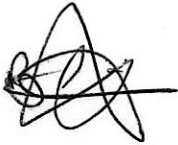
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements :

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ben Griffiths', with a stylized, overlapping loop structure.

Ben Griffiths

Address: Stanley Hill, Amersham HP7 9HQ

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2025

	This year Total Funds £	23/24 Year Total £	22/23 Year Total £	21/22 Year Total £
Total receipts for the year (see page 5)	100,890	108,799	129,873	133,353
Total payments for the year (see page 6)	(63,184)	(90,363)	(166,562)	(118,842)
Net (payments) / receipts for the year	37,706	18,436	(36,689)	14,510
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	75,940	57,504	94,193	79,683
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	113,646	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:

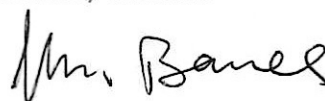
Chairman



Group Scout Leader



Honorary Treasurer



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RECEIPTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2025

	This year Total Funds £	23/24 Year Total £	22/23 Year Total £	21/22 Year Total £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	22,765	23,387	19,004	21,123
Less paid (Misbourne Valley Scout Council)	(10,944)	(11,529)	(10,443)	(5,980)
	<u>11,821</u>	<u>11,858</u>	<u>8,561</u>	<u>15,143</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED				
Bank Interest	273	129	62	44
Property Rents (Hall Lettings)	72,995	79,044	76,665	49,430
	<u>73,267</u>	<u>79,172</u>	<u>76,727</u>	<u>49,473</u>
DONATIONS / GRANTS	3,249	2,431	3,340	1,879
	<u>3,249</u>	<u>2,431</u>	<u>3,340</u>	<u>1,879</u>
ACTIVITIES				
Contributions to activities	9,204	7,018	10,637	4,810
	<u>9,204</u>	<u>7,018</u>	<u>10,637</u>	<u>4,810</u>
OTHER INCOME				
Gift Aid	-	4,417	4,348	4,540
Fundraising events	1,356	3,170	4,985	-
Other Income/receipts	887	-	1,423	3,119
Explorers Partnership Agreement	1,106	734	-	-
	<u>3,349</u>	<u>8,320</u>	<u>10,756</u>	<u>7,659</u>
NEW BUILD INCOME	-	-	19,852	54,389
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,852</u>	<u>54,389</u>
Total Receipts	<u>100,890</u>	<u>108,799</u>	<u>129,873</u>	<u>133,353</u>

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PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2025

	This year Total Funds £	23/24 Year Total £	22/23 Year Total £	21/22 Year Total £
PREMISES				
Rates	(411)	(386)	(627)	(684)
Light & Heat	(7,777)	(13,579)	(9,926)	(903)
Insurance	(3,754)	(5,406)	(5,431)	(5,951)
Repairs & Renewals	(12,126)	(16,246)	(5,873)	(12,089)
Cleaning	(7,720)	(10,900)	(8,282)	(6,157)
Gardening	(3,258)	(2,710)	(1,407)	(1,958)
Waste	(1,942)	(2,414)	(1,020)	(784)
Caretaking	(3,670)	(4,010)	(1,908)	-
Water	(391)	(446)	(169)	(91)
	<u>(41,048)</u>	<u>(56,097)</u>	<u>(34,643)</u>	<u>(28,617)</u>
ACTIVITIES				
Woden & Thor Scouts	(6,141)	(6,463)	(5,443)	(2,568)
Titan Scouts	-	-	-	(368)
Wolf Cub Pack	(1,854)	(1,258)	(1,209)	(175)
Trimby Cub Pack	(1,391)	(903)	(1,672)	(1,239)
Milan Cub Pack	(923)	(984)	(1,201)	(1,239)
Forester Beavers	(1,198)	(732)	(1,947)	(582)
Woodlander Beavers	(1,418)	(985)	(1,718)	(1,156)
Training	-	-	-516	-
	<u>(12,923)</u>	<u>(11,326)</u>	<u>(13,707)</u>	<u>(7,326)</u>
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES				
Printing, Postage & Stationery	-	-	(107)	-
Telephone, Broadband & TV License	(735)	(716)	(811)	(514)
Hallmaster/OSM/Music/Lottery Licence	(852)	(851)	(808)	(794)
Bank charges	(298)	-	-	-
	<u>(1,885)</u>	<u>(1,567)</u>	<u>(1,726)</u>	<u>(1,308)</u>
EQUIPMENT				
Camping/Archery Equipment/Trailer	-	-	(1,172)	(763)
Minibus running costs	(934)	(492)	(599)	(943)
Hall Equipment	(4,646)	(4,432)	(3,545)	(3,312)
Uniforms and Badges	(750)	(1,303)	(2,538)	(730)
	<u>(6,330)</u>	<u>(6,227)</u>	<u>(7,854)</u>	<u>(5,749)</u>
SUNDRY PAYMENTS				
Remembrance Day wreath	(248)	(225)	(248)	(167)
Torchlight procession costs	(96)	(69)	(274)	(529)
Group Camp	-	(4,653)	70	-
Volunteer event	-	-	(783)	(783)
Donation -Scout Jamboree	-	-	(500)	-
Property title changes	-	(9,932)	-	-
Sundry	(655)	(267)	(1,045)	(986)
	<u>(999)</u>	<u>(15,146)</u>	<u>(2,779)</u>	<u>(2,465)</u>
NEW BUILD PAYMENTS				
	-	-	(105,854)	(74,161)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(105,854)</u>	<u>(74,161)</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>(63,184)</u>	<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 2025

	This year Total Funds £	23/24 Year Total £	22/23 Year Total £	21/22 Year Total £
MONETARY ASSETS				
Bank current accounts	53,485	50,538	52,725	70,444
Bank deposit account	60,095	25,187	4,564	22,544
Cash in hand	67	215	215	215
Paypal	-	-	-	990
	<u>113,646</u>	<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	2,411,550	2,264,317	2,264,317	2,110,250
Climbing wall	21,000	24,500	35,000	-
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc.	71,468	57,000	57,000	57,000
Minibus	-	-	-	-
	<u>2,504,018</u>	<u>2,345,817</u>	<u>2,356,317</u>	<u>2,167,250</u>
LIABILITIES				
	-	-	-	72,000
	<u>-</u>	<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.