



Trustees Annual Report and Accounts  
For the period April 2021 to March 2022  
1<sup>st</sup> Wotton under Edge Scout Group



1st Wotton Under Edge Scout Group  
St George's Day 2022



## Section A - Reference and administration details

Charity Name: 1st Wotton under Edge Scout Group

Head Quarters: Conygres,  
Old London Road  
Wotton under Edge  
Gloucestershire  
GL12 7EA

Charity Number: 302128

Scout Association Number: 17585

Charity Principal Address: Holmleigh Farm  
Bradley  
Wotton under Edge  
Gloucestershire  
GL12 7PW

Trustees and members of the Group Executive as at April 2022;

Elected members:	Mark Batchelor	Chair
	Alastair Hoyle	Treasurer
	Kerry Jobson	Secretary
	Clare Tremlett	Pathfinder Scouts Parent Rep/Admin
Ex-officio members:	Seb Braun	Group Scout Leader
	Ian Jess	Pathfinder Scouts
	Jenny Emerson	Pioneer Scouts
	Stephanie Alexander	Heron Cubs
	David Knight	Kingfisher Cubs
	Seb Braun	Beavers
Co-opted members:	Phil Moss	Quartermaster
	Natalie Forsythe	Group Administrator
	Jazz Sennitt	Fundraising
	Nick Watt	Waiting List Administrator
Advisers:	Paul Clarke	Accounts independent examiner

## **Section B - Structure, governance and management**

### **Description of the charity's trusts**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Wotton Under Edge Scout Group's (The Group) governing documents are those of The Scout Association (TSA). They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association.

The Group is a Trust established under the TSA rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the POR and The Group Constitution.

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

The Executive consists of three independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual Section Leaders and Parent's Representation. The Executive meets every three months.

The Executive exists to support the Group Scout Leader, in meeting his/her responsibilities and is responsible for:

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

### **Risk Management and Internal Control**

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

- Damage to the building, property and equipment
- Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members
- Reduced income from fund raising
- Reduction or loss of leaders.
- Reduction or loss of members.

### **Buildings Property and Equipment**

The Group owns and manages Conygres which is our headquarters. This building and land are 'free hold' and are held in Trust by The Scout Association Trust Corporation (SATC) which is a



Custodian Trustee for the Group. Conygres is used to hold regular meetings and used to store equipment and consumables.

The Group owns an extensive inventory of activity equipment including but not limited too;

- Archery Equipment
- Air rifles
- Camping and Cooking Equipment
- Box trailer
- Canoes

The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

### **Group Finances**

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

In addition to the operational reserve the Group also hold funds in a savings account which is allocated to the development of the Conygres site. At this time the Group is continuing to raise the necessary level of funds to complete the capital works project.

The Group has in place systems of internal financial controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include two signatories for all cheque payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

### **Administration and Leadership**

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

The Sections of the group are structured as follows:

- Beaver Scout Colony
- Heron Cub Scout Pack
- Kingfisher Cub Scout Pack
- Pioneer Scout Troop
- Pathfinder Scout Troop

The Group through, capitation fees (£50 per member under 18 this financial year) contributes to TSA's national accident insurance policy. This provides insurance cover for all members of the Group. In addition, the Group also holds a Third Party insurance policy to cover helpers and volunteers whom are non TSA members. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities and we hold risk assessments for fire, water and general building safety.



## Membership

The Group provides activities for young people aged 6 to 14. Currently Group membership is made up of 125 youngsters and 34 adult leaders, helpers and volunteers and 12 young leaders. This is a significant increase our young members and adult volunteers from previous years. So the Group overall is very healthy both in terms of young members but also volunteers to run section meetings and group administration.

In the unlikely event that there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section/s. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the Group would occur. The viability of the Group as a whole and each section is completely reliant on the volunteers that run the section meetings.

The Group operates a waiting list system for parents to register children wishing to join the Group. Currently the waiting list includes over 130 children of varying ages, 60 of which are aged 6 or more and above the starting age of Beavers. Accordingly, there are approximately 60 children above joining minimum age who are currently unable to do so, as there are no spare places available in the various sections. We recognise this and we are trying to expend our sections but we are limited by the size of our hall. We hope to reduce the number of children under 6 years of age on the waiting list this coming school year (Sep 2022) by opening a Squirrels section (age 4 to 6 years). Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer some children a place in the group.

Position on the waiting list is determined by length of time since registration which can be made following a child's fourth birthday. We plan to change this once we start our new Squirrels section (age 4 to 6 years). In exceptional circumstances children of parents/carers whom take up a substantive role within the group such as a leader or member of the Executive Committee are given priority on the waiting list based on demonstrating an agreed level of commitment.



## Section C - Objectives and Activities

The objectives of The Group are aligned with those of TSA, which are to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. Thus, empowering our young people to make a positive contribution to society.

As members of the TSA, the Group and all its members are guided by the values of Scouting which are:

- Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
- Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.
- Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
- Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

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

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

Each Section has set and delivered its own diverse program of activities for its members for the financial year of 2021/22. This program continued to be adapted and developed to minimise risks and cater for leader shortages due to the Covid-19 pandemic and changing guidance. All young persons were given the opportunity to participate in all activities including nights away. We continue to preferentially hold section meetings outside whenever we can.

In addition to the program of activities completed during this financial year and meeting the objectives of the TSA, The Leaders and Executive set the following specific objectives for the Group. Our success in all our objectives is described in the following sections of this report;

- Provide opportunities for nights away for all members
- Participate in regional scouting based events and completions
- Participate in national events such as St Georges day and Remembrance Day
- Hold local events to raise funds
- Develop and pursue a funding strategy to facilitate the Conygres development
- Improve our website to provide more information for parents
- Increase income from Conygres bookings

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

## Section D - Achievements and Performance

### Chairman's Report

This year we have been able to get back to the '**new normal**' post Covid. The Leadership team, assisted by volunteer helpers and our ever-growing number of young leaders have expertly provided an uninterrupted weekly program of indoor and outdoor activities based at Conygres, as well as special activities at climbing centres, farms, cinemas, swimming pools, etc... We also held Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) at conygres which was supported by Beavers, Cubs and Scouts right across the District.

When Leader numbers have been too low (due to Covid), the Leaders and Helpers from other sections have stepped up and made Section meetings possible. On behalf of all our young members, parents and guardians, the Group Executive would like to thank the **Volunteer** Leaders, Young Leaders and Helpers of all Sections for getting scouting back to normal.



As always **recruitment** of Helpers and Leaders continues to be a focus for the Group. We have said goodbye to only a few volunteers and friends this year. We thank them all, it was only through their time and commitment that the sections could continue to offer the amazing programs of activity. In particular our thanks go to Steve Wyatt (Steve the Pirate) who has been a Leader at Kingfisher Cubs for over 10 years.

Our Group Scout Leader Seb Braun has again been successful this year in recruiting many new helpers and leaders. We now have the biggest adult leadership team that we have had for more than 15 years and our Group continues to attract **Young Leaders** both in support of **Duke of Edinburgh's** volunteering but as interested longer term leaders under the guidance of the local Explorer Scout

Units.

Despite this success in recruiting volunteers we still need parents to get involved as representatives in the executive committee, to provide parent input to the running of the group and also help make key decisions. Equally without a steady stream of new volunteers some sections may only be able to continue with a Parent rota or consolidation. It is vital that all parents get involved in some shape or form. If parents cannot commit to a regular role, just an hour helping at a fund raising event will go a long way to help us achieve our goals and provide the exciting programs our children enjoy.

Growing our sections and welcoming youngsters from the **waiting list** continues to be a key objective for the Group. We hope that once we have built our new hall at Conygres, the extra space will allow us to increase the numbers of children in each section. However, our waiting list continues to grow. The opening of our first Squirrels section planned for September 2022 will reduce numbers of children waiting to join Beavers. However, unless we can grow the size of our sections many children will not be able to join us.



Purchases of equipment has been limited this year, but as we look ahead to camping and other outdoor activities in 2022/23 we anticipate a greater level of investment. Following replacement of the Gazebo (used for many outdoor 'in-Covid times' section meetings) mid last year, it was damaged in a storm meaning we were forced to replace it early in 2022. Other spending has been focused on purchasing a couple more tents for this year's camping activities and general consumables.

Sale of the **John Harding Memorial Hut** in Wotton town is now complete and we have fully vacated the building. The proceeds from the sale (£34,000) are now held in a savings account until such time that we have sufficient funds to start the new hall at Conygres. Completing the development works at Conygres is the main focus for the Executive committee including on-going minor improvements.



Our own **fund raising** activities were again very successful with a number of Conygres Teas continuing throughout 2022 raising over £1,500. This year the teas were run by the sections and thanks to the help and support (through cake donations), they have proven to be very successful. We believe we have a great formula and will continue to make these events a regular fund raiser in 2022/23.

In addition to income from our own efforts, we continue to make funding applications to a number of Trusts, Grant Bodies and Charities. I am pleased to be able to report that in the past 12 months we have received/been pledged, £4,000 from Renishaw, £14,000 from Magnox and £4,000 from Summerfield Charitable Trust. Along with our existing savings and the proceeds from the sale of the hut we are now well on our way to raising the necessary funds to build our new hall at Conygres. Total funds received and pledges made now top £110,000.

Recognising that the new hall, when complete, will greatly increase the indoor space and modernise the facilities, we are looking for partners to help us develop it and potential regular users within the local community who could use the facility. This will allow us to leverage the most potential from the site as whole. The **hire** of Conygres to local organisations, charities and other Scout Groups continues to provide a **source of income** for the Group. This summer the site is almost fully booked.

Our updated **website** now includes information pages and a calendar for parents to reference and is providing a very successful booking facility for Conygres. [www.wottonscoutgroup.co.uk](http://www.wottonscoutgroup.co.uk).





**Annual Subscriptions** were held at £12 during 2021/22 (as per 2019/20 and 2020,/21). We do not plan to raise subs this financial year.

The Leaders and Group Executive look forward to an exciting year in Scouting and thank all Parents and Carers for your ongoing support. We hope that in the next 12 months we will be able to raise the final £20,000 allowing us to commence the building works for the new hall at Conyngres.

Mark Batchelor  
Chair of the Executive Committee and Trustees

### **Beaver Colony Report**

A year of Beavers is made of 39 sessions, countless hours of preparation, 1 weekend camping, marching for Remembrance Sunday and the inevitable St Georges' day renewal of promises.

None of this would be possible without the dedication and hard work of our Leaders! I would like to thank all the Beaver Leader Assistants, Section Assistants and Young Leaders for their precious help:

- Adam Dolling and Nicky McGrath now helping at Cubs
- Dawn Connor and Liz Brisley who carry on helping in our Colony after many years in our group
- Claire Howe, Pam Eastman, Ashley Brown, Charlotte Darlaston and Liz Kingett, new leaders who have done brilliantly in their first year of leadership
- Anya Prouse and Charlie Pattison, our Young Leaders (D of E volunteers) who have been truly excellent and gone beyond expectations of their role, adding fun and being role models for our Beavers. They will both be missed when they leave us at the end of term and we wish them all the best.

I'd also like to thank all the parents and Beavers too for their trust and support. I am always moved when a new Beaver says the promise for the first time, as it is so simple yet setting an ambitious goal that we can try to attain: doing our best, being kind and helpful and loving our world. We try to put this into practice through our varied programme, session after session, of which only a few are selected below.

### **Highlights of our year included:**

**Planting** lots of bulbs and hoping for the best (special thanks for Pam for making the planters!). **Admiring** the result months later.



**Taking part** to the Remembrance Sunday parade



Learning about recycling with our local expert, Stroud District Council Neighbourhood Warden Andy Beamish.



Learning about healthy food options.

Leaving plenty of opportunities for treats  
along the way☺



**Being active** in the Clip'n Climb  
centre in Bristol

**Learning essential  
skills...** sewing a  
button and baking a  
pancake on a tin!



**Celebrating together** St George's day with our own knight!



**Creating with nature**, having a go at archery, with the help of our Young Leaders Anya and Charlie.



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**Camping** with our friends from Dursley and Nailsworth!

We hiked, climbed and sang around a campfire. All of the Beavers made it through the night, earning their very first Night Away badge.

**Visiting** Corner Farm on Bradley Green, including eating a fresh omelette and stroking a very docile chicken!



What a year we had! We are looking forward to welcoming back Beavers in September for another year of fun adventures.

Best wishes.

Bear (Seb Braun)



## **Heron Cub Pack**

Firstly I would like to say a massive Thank you to all the new leaders in the Heron cub pack. I now have Trish , Sam , Ian , Paul on board . We said Goodbye to leader Mark. Over the last year we have done some great activities ranging from fire lighting around the Conygres fire pit , walking to Nibley monument and throwing down paper aeroplanes from the top .To doing Archery twice with no injury's happy to say. A trip to the local fire station. And the biggest thing of all attending evolution cub camp. All in all a busy year with fun activities for all.

We have awarded three silver awards ( Kit , James R , and Ada who has now left the movement) to achieve our goals. With the aim to award two or three more by September before they move up to scouts.

Thank you

Stephanie Heron cubs

## **Kingfisher Cub Pack**

The cubs and leaders of Kingfisher cub pack have had a very busy, fun packed year. We have had the pleasure of welcoming new leaders, Steve (Bumblebee), Janet (Raccoon), Adam (Falcon), Nicky, Alex, Sally and Lucy. We also have additional help from our Young Leaders, Morgan, Ben, Ellyott and Fran.

The activities we have done during the last 12 months are too numerous to list them all. Den building, Scout Bake-off, Fireworks, Archery, Police night, talent night, bicycle skills and first aid gives you some idea of how busy and varied our programme has been.

We also had enjoyable visits to UK Ninja, Gloucester climbing wall and Wotton fire station.

Our recent adventure to the Evolution cub camp in Cirencester was enjoyed by all and a huge success. Well done to all the cubs who tried and experienced new challenges. We are already looking forward to next year's camp.

Everyone's favourite leader, Steve the Pirate, will soon be sailing away from Kingfisher Cubs to enjoy new swash buckling adventures. We all wish Steve the best of luck and hope that he will occasionally come back and add his individual sense of fun to our weekly activities and camps. From all at Kingfisher Cubs, good luck, and a big thankyou Steve the Pirate.

Overall, an exciting and fun time with lots of learning experiences for both the cubs and leaders of Kingfisher cub pack.

Dave Knight



## Pathfinder Scout Troop Report

The current leadership team is: Ian (Sparks) (SL), Lyn (Rikki) (ASL), Nathan (ASL), Tracey (Fox) (ASL), Fred (YL) and Freddie (YL) we have also been occasionally had help from two of our prior scout/YL and now ASL, Alice (Squirrel) and Will so massive thanks to all who help keep pathfinders running. And a huge thanks to the parents who support the Scouts in their activities.

We have had a busy year! As well as plenty of exciting Tuesday sessions such as Christmas wreath crafting, a lot of different types of cooking, Ninja Warrior, indoor climbing, air rifle shooting & archery, pioneering, a visit from Wotton under Edges Army cadets demonstrating ration cooking, camouflage training and shelter building, the Scouts planning and running their own sessions, whilst still covering a lot of the fundamental building blocks of traditional scouting. The Scouts have had plenty of other events and opportunities including helping out @ Bournstream play facility, attending a local drama production and helping out the local lions group with the clean up after fireworks display @ KLB . This academic year started with an expedition for eight of our older Scouts - one of the biggest challenges needed to complete the



Chief Scout's Gold Award. We have gone paintballing and dragon boating. We have held a Survival Camp with Pioneer scout troop and planting new hedgerows around the new Conyngres car park.

We currently have 30 scouts and over the last 12 months have introduced 12 new young people to scouting (3 from the waiting list and 9 moving up from Cubs) and seen 6 Scouts move on (2 of which have now re-joined us as young leaders), awarded five Chief Scouts Gold awards (congratulations to Fred Hoyle, Freddie Hinks, Catherine Shepherd, Jenna Kitson and Ben Lodge), 72 challenge badges, 38 staged badges and over 150 activity badges over the last year!

Sparks (Ian Jess)

### **Pioneer Scouts Report**

Firstly a massive thank you to all the volunteers involved in running Pioneers. The current leadership team is: Jenny (SL), Chris (ASL), Alex (ASL), Mark (ASL), Jon (ASL), Eleanor (YL) and Aled (YL). And of course thank you to all the parents who support the Scouts in their activities.

We have had a busy year! As well as plenty of exciting Monday sessions such as circus skills, cooking, Ninja Warrior, climbing & caving, air rifle shooting competition, parachuting eggs out of the Nibley monument, and the Scouts planning and running their own sessions (!), we have had plenty of other opportunities. This academic year started with an expedition for eight of our older Scouts - one of the biggest challenges needed to complete the Chief Scout's Gold Award. We have gone paintballing and dragon boating. Some members have attended County-run badge courses in scuba diving, electronics and piloting canal boats. We have held a Survival Camp with Pathfinder and had teams compete at the Cotswold Marathon and at Strategy Camp (achieving both first and second on one of the activity hubs!). We have also volunteered in the community at the Wotton Lions 10k, planting trees and at The Berkeley Show.

All in all, we have awarded two Chief Scouts Gold awards (congratulations to Matthew Pullin and Polly Becher), 50 challenge badges, 76 staged badges and 157 activity badges over the last year!

Jenny Emerson

## **Section E - Financial review**

### **Reserves Policy**

Our policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive considers that the Group (excluding unit funds and subscription costs) should hold a sum equivalent to the annual running costs, circa £5500.

The Group held reserves of approximately £86,700 at year end. This is significantly up from last year and represents the funding received for the new building at Conygres including the funds raised from the sale of the hut.

### **Investment Policy**

The Group now has significant funds held in reserve for the Conygres development works and has opted to deposit this in a savings account rather than longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk adverse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

### **Annual Accounts**

The following pages include the accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.



Wotton-Under-Edge Scout Group

**Unaudited statement of financial activity for the year ended 31 March 2022**

		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Scout Group Accounts</b>	Note	£	£
Total receipts for the year	1	66,173.26	31,759.06
Less: Total payments for the year	2	-7,722.45	-31,169.90
Net receipts (payments) for the year		58,450.81	589.16
Reserves brought forward		19,505.89	19,416.73
Transfer from sections		2,719.00	0.00
Transfer to sections		-210.00	-500.00
<b>Reserves carried forward (Scout Group)</b>		<b>80,465.70</b>	<b>19,505.89</b>
<b><u>Beavers, Cubs and Scout Section Accounts</u></b>			
<b>RECEIPTS PER SECTION</b>			
Beavers		1,386.00	490.00
Kingfisher Cubs		3,378.83	390.00
Heron Cubs		1,647.50	500.00
Pathfinder Scouts		5,171.07	270.00
Pioneer Scouts		4,421.10	665.00
<b>Total receipts for the year</b>		<b>16,004.50</b>	<b>2,315.00</b>
<b>PAYMENTS PER SECTION</b>			
Beavers		1,538.00	659.18
Kingfisher Cubs		4,855.89	390.34
Heron Cubs		2,041.10	2,196.61
Pathfinder Scouts		2,414.32	693.92
Pioneer Scouts		4,380.53	1,006.05
<b>Total payments for the year</b>		<b>15,229.64</b>	<b>4,946.10</b>
Total receipts for the year		16,004.50	2,315.00
Less: Total payments for the year		-15,229.64	-4,946.10
Net receipts (payments) for the year		774.86	-2,631.10
Reserves brought forward		5,431.89	8,062.99
<b>Reserves carried forward (Section Accounts)</b>		<b>6,206.75</b>	<b>5,431.89</b>
<b>Total reserves carried forward</b>		<b>86,672.45</b>	<b>24,937.78</b>

Wotton-Under-Edge Scout Group

1: Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
<b>MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>		
Subscriptions Received	14,900.00	8,488.00
Less: Payment collection costs	-853.75	-280.83
Less: Payments to sections	-8,270.00	-1,355.00
Less: District capitation	-5,500.00	-4,410.00
	<u>2,476.25</u>	<u>2,440.17</u>
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED</b>		
Interest	201.31	0.00
	<u>201.31</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>DONATIONS / GRANTS</b>		
Donation	498.50	0.00
Fund raising events	1,323.85	0.00
Grants for work on Conygres	1,500.00	3,250.00
Covid-19 Grants	12,288.00	19,869.21
Grants for new hut	10,000.00	0.00
	<u>25,588.35</u>	<u>22,919.21</u>
<b>RENTAL INCOME RECEIVED</b>		
Rent of Conygres	2,045.00	648.50
	<u>2,045.00</u>	<u>648.50</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
Hut Sale	33,982.20	0.00
Gift Aid 2018-19	0.00	2,756.11
Gift Aid 2019-20	0.00	2,995.07
Gift Aid 2020-21	1,900.15	0.00
	<u>35,862.35</u>	<u>5,751.18</u>
<b>Total receipts for the year</b>	<u>66,173.26</u>	<u>31,759.06</u>

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2: Payments for the year ended 31 March 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
<b>PURCHASES</b>		
Equipment	1,205.17	87.96
	<u>1,205.17</u>	<u>87.96</u>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>		
Insurance	126.40	126.40
Organisational costs (Web site)	73.21	37.36
OSM costs	206.25	211.50
Remembrance day wreath	20.00	30.00
Fund raising event costs	262.52	0.00
Events	251.98	60.00
Neckers, hoodies, badges	356.20	122.40
Miscellaneous	13.33	64.46
Hut sale costs	600.00	630.00
Training	55.00	0.00
	<u>1,964.89</u>	<u>1,282.12</u>
<b>HUT</b>		
Insurance	-248.97	756.00
Electricity	-407.89	0.00
Water	16.47	111.10
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
	<u>-640.39</u>	<u>867.10</u>
<b>CONYGRES</b>		
Insurance	790.05	755.99
Electricity	572.96	526.25
Water	135.52	240.09
Maintenance	1,631.66	510.09
Ground maintenance	576.00	288.00
New car park	1,268.21	26,481.00
Cleaning	218.38	131.30
	<u>5,192.78</u>	<u>28,932.72</u>
<b>Total payments for the year</b>	<u>7,722.45</u>	<u>31,169.90</u>

Wotton-Under-Edge Scout Group

**Unaudited Statement of Financial Position at 31 March 2022**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
<b><u>Group Accounts</u></b>		
Group account	4,015.58	6,791.47
Subs account	4,439.40	4,169.40
Savings	6,271.45	4,915.77
Conygres new hall account	64,201.31	0.00
Conygres account	1,537.96	3,809.25
	<u>80,465.70</u>	<u>19,685.89</u>
<b><u>Beavers, Cubs and Scout Section Accounts</u></b>		
Beavers	329.94	481.94
Kingfisher cubs	646.64	2,123.50
Heron cubs	821.33	1,214.93
Pathfinder scouts	3,698.81	942.06
Pioneer scouts	710.03	669.46
	<u>6,206.75</u>	<u>5,431.89</u>
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2,021.00</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	£	£
Conygres advance bookings	0.00	180.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>180.00</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>86,672.45</u>	<u>24,937.78</u>
<b>Funds – Unrestricted</b>	<u>86,672.45</u>	<u>24,937.78</u>

The above accounts and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 6 May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



## Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of the Wotton-Under-Edge Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Wotton-Under-Edge Scout Group (C1-5) for the Year ended 31 March 2022

### Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts (financial statements) in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 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 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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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.

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Date 2022-07-12

## Section F - Plans for future period

Our objective for 2022/23 will be to, wherever possible provide a diverse program of activities. In addition to the Section programs, the Group plans to undertake the following specific activities;

- Seek and secure funding for the Conygres development
- Increase income from Conygres bookings
- Undertake improvements at Conygres
- Start the second stage of development of Conygres which includes the new hall
- Purchase new equipment when required
- Participate in national scouting events
- Provide nights away for all members
- Participate in local events such as Remembrance

We will continue to try to **recruit new volunteer Helpers and Leaders**. In particular we need to fill roles of Leaders in all sections and Parent Representative to participate in the decision making of the committee. Our fund-raising activities will increase from previous years, with a number of specific funding sources being considered. We will continue to run regular 'Conygres Teas' and other events such as Bag Packing. We would ask that Parents help as much as possible with these events when the time comes.

In line with the objectives of The Scout Association, The Group will continue to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. We will achieve this by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership. This is reflected in the programs set and managed by the Leaders of each Section and the Group as a whole.



## Section G – Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above and present this for agreement by the Group Scout Council at the 2020/21 AGM held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Full name: Seb Braun

Position: Group Scout Leader

Full name: Mark Batchelor

Position: Group Chairman