

5TH NORTH WATFORD SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 302514

Details

Other names	56TH SOUTH WEST HERTS (1ST LANGLEYBURY) GROUP OF BOY SCOUTS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1962-11-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	25 Gallows Hill Kings Langley WD4 8PG
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Activities

Objects: 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

Activities: To promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members o their local, national and international communities.

Classification

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

Geography

- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£40,487	£52,811	-	-
2023-12-31	£45,928	£50,296	-	-
2022-12-31	£54,151	£46,175	-	-
2021-12-31	£27,517	£27,742	-	-
2020-12-31	£20,464	£12,199	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Deborah Sherring		2012-05-25
Dr Catriona sims		2022-06-26
Geoffrey Brown		2019-05-12
Jacqui Sexstone		2018-03-01
Julie Green		2016-07-06
Nikhil Vora		2022-06-26
Robert Green		2016-07-06
Roxana Buckley		2021-06-07
Sally Suiters		2019-05-12
TANIA GILES		2014-01-28

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

5th North Watford Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

Corner of Upper highway

Hamilton Road, Hunton Bridge

Abbots Langley

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	
1	Catriona Sims	Chairman	
2	Deborah Sherring	Secretary	
3	Tania Giles	Treasurer	
4	Robert Green		
5	Julie Green		
6	Jacqui Sexstone		
7	Sally Suiters		
8	Roxana Buckley		
9	Geoffrey Brown		
10	Nikhil Vora		

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

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

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Independent Auditor	Nicola Bradshaw	Limuru, Whelpley Hill, Chesham, BUCKS, HP5 3RL

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

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Policies and procedures adopted for:

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

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) plus parent's representation and supporters, which meets every 2 months.

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

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

The maintenance of Group property;

The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;

The insurance of persons, property and equipment;

Group public occasions;

Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;

Appointing any sub committees that may be required;

Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

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

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

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

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

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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	Weekly meetings at the Scout Hut for each section during term time, supported by outside activities, including camps and nights away throughout the year for Scouts section and during the summer months for Beaver and Cubs. The Group also participates in District arranged activities and celebrations such as camps, St Georges day parade, Remembrance day and Sports day.
Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)	
You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about: • policy on grant making; • contribution made by volunteers; • policy on investments.	
Public benefit statement	The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D**Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2024 saw a complete and comprehensive programme for all sections. The group is oversubscribed and has a waiting list for all section. The bouldering wall was completed in Summer of 2024. There have been several Scout camps during the year including the Lord Amory in London's Docklands and Strategy Scout in Cirencester amongst others. The Cub and Beaver sections enjoyed outside nights away and camping during the summer months.

Recruiting adult helpers and section leaders is a challenge. We have a number of parents willing to help but some do shift work which makes regular commitment difficult but with help of a number of Young Leaders we are able to provide the right level of adult supervision for each section.

Section E**Financial Review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The main aim of the Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £10,600.

Quantify and explain any designations

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

None

Further financial review details (optional information)

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

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

All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

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

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

- investment policy and objectives;

The Group prefers to keep funds in accessible accounts so that money can be used to support Scouting activities should the need arise.

Section F**Other Optional Information**

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

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Ms Sims

Full name(s)

CAROLINA SIMS

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

CHAIR

Date

29/05/23

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 5th North Watford Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 5th North Watford Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 5th North Watford Scout Group 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 5th North Watford Scout Group 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 5th North Watford Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



Name:

NICOLA BRADSHAW

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address:

LYMERO WHARFLEY HALL CHESTERHAM BUOKS

Date:

19/5/25.

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5th North Watford 1st Langleybury
Accounts for the period ending 31 December 2024

Receipts	YTD 31 December 2024	YTD 31 December 2023
Subs	12,847.50	12,443.75
Grant	1,000.00	0.00
Donations and Fund Raising	130.00	137.00
Gift aid	2,295.28	2,153.80
Community lottery	13.52	0.00
Hall Income - other	3,777.50	17,499.75
Hall Income - Nursery	7,409.00	0.00
Camps and trips	7,154.16	6,334.90
Bank Interest	2,638.93	1,994.61
STI Interest	0.00	2,140.81
Miscellaneous - panto tickets	2,024.00	1,421.00
T-Shirts/Uniform/Hoody	149.44	441.22
Hoody	1,048.00	1,361.00
TOTAL	40,487.33	45,927.84

Payments	YTD 31 December 2024	
Insurance	2,621.06	2,348.02
Heat and Light	2,671.48	4,405.00
Heat and Light - rebate	0.00	(419.12)
Cleaning	1,713.00	1,892.04
Equipment & hire	5,365.86	7,263.33
Equipment repairs	0.00	0.00
Property Expenses	2,793.06	5,790.13
Property Rates	189.62	225.56
Capitations	5,969.00	4,087.00
Camps	2,092.49	3,007.82
Events/Trips/Activities	10,270.23	10,299.00
Vehicle Hire	400.00	175.00
Postage & Telephone	693.51	599.84
Uniform, Scarf/Necker, Badges and T-Shirts	2,138.68	1,678.69
Hoody	956.90	2,337.68
Online scout manager	176.50	172.79
Gocardless transaction fees	821.36	666.97
Online scout manager transaction fees	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	927.57	885.87
HQ running expenses	785.05	2,113.10
Training costs	113.04	40.00
Panto tickets	1,849.00	1,446.00
Bank charges	73.11	60.00
50 / 50 Club	0.00	238.97
Bouldering wall costs	10,190.26	982.37
	52,810.78	50,296.06

Receipts	40,487.33	45,927.84
Payments	52,810.78	50,296.06
Excess Receipts over Payments	(12,323.45)	(4,368.22)
Balance brought fwd 1st Jan 2024	162,378.63	166,746.85
SURPLUS as at 31.12.2024	150,055.18	162,378.63

Represented By:	YTD 31 December 2024	YTD 31 December 2023
	£	
OSM Payment card	670.64	509.63
CAF General	6,659.51	8,018.22
CAF Short Investment	17,725.03	153,850.78
United Trust Bank FT	80,000.00	0.00
Shawbrook Bank FT	45,000.00	0.00
Scout Association Short Term Inv A/c	0.00	0.00
SURPLUS as at 31.12.2024	150,055.18	162,378.63

5th North Watford 1st Langleybury**Accounts for the period ending 31 December 2024****2024****2023****Summary****Income**

Subs - Gocardless	12,847.50	11,107.50
- Grant from Three Rivers District Council - 2024	1,000.00	

Lottery commission	13.52	0.00
Gift Aid FY2024	2,295.28	2,153.80

Hall hire

- Clarendon Montessori Nursery	7,409.00	0.00
- Hertfordshire County Council		500.00
- Three Rivers District		
- Other Hall hire/furniture hire	3,777.50	0.00
- Training		

Fund raising received	130.00	137.00
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Deposit

- Clarendon Montessori Nursery

Interest received

Scout Association - Short Term Investment accounts - Account closed June 2023		239.51
CAF Bank Gold account 2.3% (from 10 October 2024 2.5%)	1,892.99	51.95
United Trust Bank Interest		
Shawbrook CAFBANK FT	745.94	

Expenditure

Bouldering Wall	10,190.26	982.37
AGM Exps	923.57	
Varnish floor	623.00	

Property Expenditure

Capitations	5,969.00	4,087.00
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Other information

Gocardless transaction fees 1%		159.12
Online scout manager transaction fee 1.95%		264.82
Bank charges (reduced to £5 per month from August)	73.11	81.00

Insurance Premiums

Personal Accident and Medical non helpers renewal 1 December 2024	52.00	52.00
Property and Equipment renewal 5 June 2024 - Access Insurance previously Unity Insurance	2,569.06	2,296.02

Camps and Events

2024 - Peddle Car
March - Night Owls
May - Lord Amory
June - Strategy
July - Tramp camp
September - Jail break

5TH NORTH WATFORD SCOUT GROUP

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Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

5th North Watford Scout Group

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Registered charity number (if any)

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	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
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2	Catriona Sims	Chairman	appointed 14th May 2023
3	Deborah Sherring	Secretary	
4	Tania Giles	Treasurer	
5	Robert Green		
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8	Gordon Sexstone		resigned 14th May 2023
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Section F**Other Optional Information**

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

Following a review of the premises the Group have initiated a review of the hall wood flooring and foyer and a strategy for replacement, looking at various options available. The flooring has not been replaced since the construction of the premises and extensive wear and tear is evident, though the condition does not impact the use of the facility.

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Cartriona Sims

Full name(s)

CARTRIONA SIMS

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

CHAIR

Date

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Signed:



Name: NICOLA BRADSHAW

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: LIMURU, WHELPEY HILL, CHESHAM, HP5 3RL

Date: 29-Apr-24

5th North Watford 1st Langleybury
Accounts for the period ending 31 December 2023

	YTD 31 December 2023	YTD 31 December 2022
Receipts		
Subs	12,443.75	11,107.50
Grant	0.00	19,328.21
Donations and Fund Raising	137.00	820.00
Gift aid	2,153.80	1,629.08
Coffee morning income	0.00	0.00
Community lottery	0.00	13.78
Hall Income	17,499.75	11,822.98
Deposit	0.00	0.00
Camps and trips	6,334.90	5,475.00
Bank Interest	1,994.61	51.95
STI Interest	2,140.81	239.51
Miscellaneous - panto tickets	1,421.00	2,192.00
50 / 50 Club	0.00	465.00
T-Shirts/Uniform/Hoody	441.22	55.92
Don Goodchild	0.00	0.00
Grace Hoggett	0.00	0.00
Equipment Hire	0.00	0.00
Hoody	1,361.00	950.00
TOTAL	45,927.84	54,150.93

	YTD 31 December 2023	YTD 31 December 2022
Payments		
Insurance	2,348.02	2,219.13
Don Goodchild Award	0.00	0.00
Heat and Light	4,405.00	3,222.00
Heat and Light - rebate	(419.12)	(199.00)
Clearing	1,892.04	835.77
Equipment & hire	7,263.33	6,118.56
Equipment repairs	0.00	338.85
Property Expenses	5,790.13	6,219.54
Property Rates	225.56	515.76
Capitations	4,087.00	4,036.50
Camps	3,007.82	6,979.35
Events/Trips/Activities	10,299.00	4,650.91
Vehicle Hire	175.00	0.00
Postage & Telephone	599.84	510.48
Uniform, Scarf/Necker, Badges and T-Shirts	1,678.69	1,803.93
Hoody	2,337.68	1,129.31
Online scout manager	172.79	141.53
Gocardless transaction fees	666.97	618.97
Online scout manager transaction fees	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	885.87	875.94
HQ running expenses	2,113.10	208.15
Training costs	40.00	0.00
Coffee morning expenses	0.00	0.00
Panto tickets	1,446.00	2,139.00
Bank charges	60.00	81.00
50 / 50 Club	238.97	206.00
Bouldering wall costs	982.37	3,470.21
Covid-19		
Minecraft	0.00	53.52
Zoom subscription	0.00	0.00
Hand sanitiser	0.00	0.00
	50,296.06	46,175.41

Receipts	45,927.84	54,150.93
Payments	50,296.06	46,175.41
Excess Receipts over Payments	(4,368.22)	7,975.52
Balance brought fwd 1st Jan 2023	166,746.85	158,771.33
SURPLUS as at 31.12.2023	162,378.63	166,746.85

	YTD 31 December 2023	YTD 31 December 2022
Represented By:		
OSM Payment card	£ 509.63	£ 510.00
CAF General	8,018.22	13,504.56
CAF Short Investment	153,850.78	10,051.30
Scout Association Short Term Inv A/c	0.00	142,680.99
SURPLUS as at 31.12.2023	162,378.63	166,746.85

5th North Watford 1st Langleybury**Accounts for the period ending 31 December 2023****CY****PY****£****Summary****Income**

Subs - Gocardless	12,443.75	11,107.50
- Grant from Three Rivers District Council - 2022		15,000.00
- Grant Omicron - Three Rivers Council - February 2022		2,667.00
- Grant Omicron - Three Rivers Council - March 2022		1,661.21

Lottery commission	0.00	13.78
Gift Aid FY2022 (PY FY2020&FY2021)	2,153.80	1,629.08

Hall hire

- Clarendon Montessori Nursery	0.00	8,898.75
- Hertfordshire County Council	500.00	
- Three Rivers District		355.73
- Other Hall hire	-500.00	2,673.50

Fund raising received

Sale of driveway blocks	137.00	820.00
Sale of Tractor		700.00
Sale of roof tiles		20.00

Deposit

- Clarendon Montessori Nursery		
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Interest received

Short Term Investment accounts - Interest rate as at December 2022 0.981% Account closed June 2023	2,140.81	239.51
Bank interest - Interest rate received 0.5% increased (0.15% PY)	1,994.61	51.95

Expenditure

Steam mop H2O	109.88	
Tents	4,347.37	
Billy Goat Leaf vacuum		1,125.00
Billy goat hose kit		285.00
Gutter sucker		1,200.00
Drills and batteries		464.16
Printer		157.98
Shredder		75.94

Property Expenditure

Electrical works		565.00
Garage door repair and replacement		
Complete Fire Protection	72.00	72.00
Keys		155.00
Other property expenses branding, alarms, signage, storage boxes		
WELBuilding Services		1,360.42
Artemis Tree surgeon		498.00
Tree Kings Specialist tree removal		2,200.00
Trophy cabinet		
Plumbing works	288.00	318.00

Capitations

4,087.00	4,036.50
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Other information

Gocardless transaction fees 1%	159.12	232.68
Online scout manager transaction fee 1.95%	264.82	386.29
Bank charges (reduced to £5 per month from August)	60.00	81.00

Insurance Premiums

Personal Accident and Medical non helpers renewal 1 December 2023	52.00	52.00
Property and Equipment renewal 5 June 2023 - Access Insurance previously Unity Insurance	2,296.02	2,167.13

Camps and Events

2023 - Peddle Car		
March - Night Owls		
June - Strategy		
July - Tramp camp		
July - Canal Boat Trip		

EDF Rebate received

January 2023	67.00	
February 2023	67.00	
March 2023	67.00	

5TH NORTH WATFORD SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 302514

Accounts

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 5th North Watford Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 5th North Watford Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 5th North Watford Scout Group 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 5th North Watford Scout Group 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 5th North Watford Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed: 

Name: NICOLA BRADSHAW

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

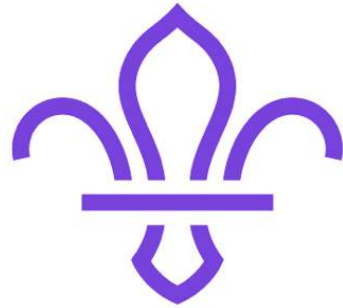
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5TH NORTH WATFORD SCOUT GROUP

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Scouts

**5th North Watford
1st Langleybury**



A.G.M

On Sunday 26th June 2022

Agenda

- 1. Chairman's Greeting**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the previous AGM**
- 4. Rob and Julie Green, GSL**
 - a. Beavers**
 - b. Cubs**
 - c. Scouts**
- 5. GSL's nomination for Chairman**
- 6. Approval of the Annual Accounts**
- 7. Election of Group Treasurer & Secretary**
- 8. Election of Executive Members**
- 9. Omega Explorer Unit Representative**
- 10. District Commissioner**
- 11. Presentations**
- 12. Any other Business**
- 13. Refreshments**



Chairman's Welcome

Thank you for attending this years' family fun day and AGM. This is a chance to catch up with each other, as well as to conduct the formal business of our Annual General Meeting.

As we look back at last year, it is truly amazing to reflect on the things we achieved, and I am immensely proud of the commitment people have given to the Group during this time. Not only did we have the challenge of keeping the Sections running during lockdown but our long-standing Group Scout Leader, Ian Rance, stepped down. Beavers and Cubs were also without a leader at the time.

Fortunately, Rob and Julie Green stepped up to the role of Group Scout Leader whilst retaining their Scout Leader role. They have brought new energy to the Group, recruiting, and supporting new Leaders and parent helpers across the Sections whilst continuing to run a strong programme for Scouts. The return to weekly meetings with a full, varied, and active programme was well managed within Covid guidelines and all Sections returned to running an impressive array of activities in the middle of 2021.

We have had a big clear out of our premises. The hall is now over 20 years old, and we have invested in some much-needed maintenance including replacing the roller shutter doors and updating lighting in and outside. As most of you will know, we have made good progress on building a bouldering wall behind the stage.

I am pleased to say that all Sections have expanded in 2021 and are running at full capacity. All have waiting lists, but we cannot expand further without more leaders and helpers. Finding adult leaders remains the biggest priority across all Sections but particularly Beavers. Unfortunately, our Beaver Leader, Gordon, is currently unable to attend meetings. Other Leaders are covering but we need a replacement urgently. So, if you can help or know someone who can, please come and talk to us.

We have a good Executive Committee, which meets regularly and provides proactive support to the Sections. We are, however, missing parent representatives for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. If helping in one of the Sections isn't for you perhaps you can help on the Committee?

In summary I believe we have a well-managed, strong Group which puts the experience of its Young people first and engages with parents. With more leaders and helpers there is potential to expand these activities and include even more Young People. We have long-term plans to further improve the premises with an emphasis on carbon neutrality and of course will be continuing with the exciting Bouldering Wall project.

I would like to finish by thanking everyone who has helped to make our Group the success it is. There are too many to mention but special thanks should go to our GSLs, Rob and Julie Green, to all the Section Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Young Leaders, and parent helpers. We are very grateful for the help and support that Heather Lewinton gave last year in reviving our Cub section post Covid and immensely grateful for the support Roxy Buckley has given the Group. Whilst away at University she continues to support the Cub programme and whenever she is home she can be found, tools in hand, in the Bouldering room. Thanks also to the Group Executive Committee notably our Treasurer, Tania Giles and Secretary, Debby Sherring for the time they give to the Group. Lastly, a big thanks to Roxy for putting this AGM pack together.

David Robins
Chairman

Trustees Annual Report for the Twelve Months Ended

31.12.21

1. Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: 5th North Watford/1st Langleybury Scout Group
Charity Number: 302514
Scout registration: 20459
Principal Address: The corner of Upper Highway & Hamilton Road, Hunton Bridge, Herts WD4 8PP

Trustees

David Robins	Group Chair
Deborah Sherring	Group Secretary and Hall Booking Officer
Tania Giles	Group Treasurer
Rob Green	Group Scout Leader Also, Scout Leader
Julie Green	Group Scout Leader Also, Asst Scout Leader
Geoff Brown	Asst Group Scout Leader
Jacqui Sexstone	Asst Scout Leader
Sally Bracher	Cub Scout Leader
Roxana Buckley	Asst Cub Scout Leader
Vacant	Beaver Scout Leader
Gordon Sexstone	Asst Beaver Scout Leader
Nikhil Vora	Explorer Scout Leader
Sally Suitters	Group Supporter
Vacant	Maintenance Co-ordinator
Vacant	Beaver Parent Representative
Neil Malde	Cub Parent Representative
Vacant	Scout Parent Representative

2. Structure, Governance and Management

2.1 Governing Document

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

2.2 Group Scout Council

The Group Scout Council is the electoral body to which the Group Executive Committee is accountable. Membership of the Group Scout Council is open to:

- Scouters

- Group Active Support Managers and members
- Colony Pack and Troop Assistants
- Skills Instructors
- Administrators
- Advisers
- Patrol Leaders
- All Parents of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Any other supporters, including former Scouts and their parents, admitted by the Group Scout Leader, the Group Executive Committee, or the Group Scout Council.
- The District Commissioner and District Chair are ex-officio members of the Group Scout Council.

2.3 Constitution

The Group is a trust established under the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

2.4 Trustee Selection

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

2.5 Group Executive Committee

The Group is led by a Group Scout Leader and managed by a Group Executive Committee. They are accountable to the Group Scout Council for the satisfactory running of the Group.

The Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment.

Members of the Executive Committee must act collectively as charity Trustees of the Scout Group, and in the best interests of its members to:

- Comply with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
- Protect and maintain any property and equipment owned by and/or used by the Group.
- Manage the Group finances.
- Provide insurance for people, property, and equipment.
- Provide sufficient resources for Scouting to operate. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting recruitment, other adult support, and fund-raising activities.
- Promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area.
- Manage and implement the Safety Policy locally.
- Ensure that a positive image of Scouting exists in the local community.

- Appoint and manage the operation of any sub-Committees, including appointing a Chair to lead the sub-Committees.
- Ensure that Young People are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels within the Group.
- The opening, closure, and amalgamation of sections as necessary.
- And all other duties as set out in Policy, Organisation and Rules.

Executive Committee members are offered appropriate training for their role, and this is regularly updated. The Group Executive is pleased to report that training has been kept up to date throughout 2021.

2.6 Risk and Internal Control

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed which are:

2.6.1 Injury to Leaders, Helpers, Supporters or Members

The Group supports compliance with the Safety Policy and ensures appropriate risk assessment; elimination, reduction, and control measures are taken to reduce the likelihood of any injuries.

In addition, through membership fees, the Group contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy.

2.6.2 Damage to Buildings, Property or Equipment

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

2.6.3 Reduced Income from Subscriptions and Fund Raising

The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fund-raising. The Group holds adequate reserves to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The committee could also raise the value of subscriptions to increase the Group income either temporarily or permanently.

2.6.4 Reduction or Loss of Leaders

The Group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the Group. If there were a reduction in the number of volunteers to an unacceptable level, then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of activities or sections.

2.6.5 Reduction or Loss of Members

If there were a reduction in membership of a particular section or the Group as a whole, then there would have to be a contraction,

consolidation, or closure of a section.

3. Objectives and Activities

The primary objective of the Group is that of the Scout Association generally, namely:

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

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

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

The Scout Method

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

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

The activities of the Group are:

- The provision of the Scouting programme for 6–18-year-old members

4. Achievements and Performance

Summary of key activities

During 2021, the Group gradually moved back to ‘live’ meetings carefully following Covid regulations and by year end ‘normal service’ was resumed with varied active programs for all sections at weekly face to face meetings. Badge work continued apace. Please see the individual section reports for more details. The biggest challenge for the Group is always Leadership recruitment. The Group is running at full capacity and all sections have waiting lists which cannot be

addressed without more leaders. Following a recruitment drive, by year end, Scouts, and Cubs both had strong leadership teams with adequate parent help and the Beaver leadership team was new but gelling well. Unfortunately, the new Beaver Leader is currently not able to attend meetings, so recruitment is again a priority.

Summary of key governance activities

The Executive resumed face to face meetings in 2021. Subs were reintroduced as soon as live Section meetings restarted, and a hire agreement was made with a local nursery which now uses the hall on termtime weekdays. Weekend hires were also increased and the 50/50 Club was continued. In addition, the committee applied for and received a local authority grant.

This additional funding allowed the Executive to make repairs and improvements to the hall and grounds, including renewing the shutters and improving lighting. It also allowed the Group to embark on a major project to make a bouldering room behind the stage and move the existing climbing wheel to a more use-friendly area.

The Executive embarked on a clear out and reorganisation of the hall and a full H&S review in 2021. Both are ongoing.

4.1 Public benefit statement

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

5. Financial Review

5.1 Reserves Policy

As a result of a fire at the hall in 2000, the Group has a substantial sum of money in its accounts and a modern hall which is a valuable asset to both Scouting and the local community. It is felt that the priority use of this money should be to maintain and improve the hut and grounds to a very high standard and to work towards carbon neutrality for both. A secondary use may also be to improve the physical resources of the Group to offer an ever-improving standard of experience to its Young People. The group should also hold sufficient resources to continue its charitable activities should the Group regular income and fundraising activities fall short, as they did during the recent Covid lockdowns. However, the week-to-week costs of running meetings and activities should be largely met by subs, rental and fundraising rather than the reserve. To these ends the Executive has produced a detailed Reserve Policy which it reviews at least biannually and against which all spending is assessed.

5.2 Investment Policy

The Group has adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short-Term Investment Service.

5.3 Independent Examination

Each year the Executive Committee asks an independent examiner to review the accounts. Mrs N Bradshaw of Limuru, Whelpley Hill, Chesham, Bucks, HP5 3RL examined the accounts for 2021. In June 2022 Mrs Bradshaw reported, in writing, to the trustees, saying:

'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.'

6. Future significant activities or major projects

The current Group project to convert the room behind the stage into a bouldering room will progress into next year. A grant has been received to help with this project and a reserve has been allocated to fund it. It is intended that all Sections will be involved in some way and a WhatsApp group has been set up to encourage parent and supporter involvement. It is also planned to move the existing 'freedom climber' from the side store onto the stage

7. Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature:
Full Name: Julie Green
Position: Group Scout Leader

Date:

Signature:
Full Name: Rob Green
Position: Group Scout Leader

Date:

Signature:
Full Name: David Robins
Position: Group Chair

Date:



Your Group Needs You!

Vacant Voluntary Positions within the Group:

Beaver Leader

Role Involves:

- Running of the Beaver section with support of assistant leaders and parent helpers.
- Attendance at Beaver meetings (Mondays 18:00-19:15 & occasional weekends).

Assistant Beaver Leader

Role Involves:

- Supporting the running of the Beaver section.
- Attendance at Beaver meetings (Mondays 18:00-19:15 & occasional weekends).

Maintenance Co-ordinator

Role Involves:

- Voluntary role.
- Liaising with the Group executive regarding maintenance, arranging quotes and overseeing any maintenance for the upkeep of the hut and grounds.

Beaver, Cub and Scout Parent Representatives

Role Involves:

- Representing Beaver, Cub or Scout parents at Executive meetings 6 times a year.
- Must be a parent/carer whose child/children currently attend the relevant section.



If you are interested in any of these positions, please speak to Rob or Julie!

Full training and support will be provided (where required).

Accounts for the Period Ending 31st December 2021

Receipts	YTD 31 December 2021	YTD 31 December 2020
Subs	5,658.75	3,037.50
Grant	8,000.00	10,000.00
Donations and Fund Raising	1,616.93	0.00
Gift aid	0.00	2,841.90
Coffee morning income	171.80	0.00
Community lottery	13.52	13.52
Hall Income	6,390.00	2,120.00
Deposit	225.00	0.00
Camps and trips	2,181.25	1,186.00
Bank Interest	1.26	6.89
STI Interest	833.79	481.11
Miscellaneous - panto tickets	1,104.00	0.00
50 / 50 Club	600.00	555.00
T-Shirts/Uniform/Hoody	5.00	222.55
Hoody	716.00	0.00
		0.00
TOTAL	27,517.30	20,464.47
Payments	YTD 31 December 2021	YTD 31 December 2020
Insurance	2,040.05	3,051.05
Don Goodchild Award	0.00	0.00
Heat and Light	553.29	827.00
Cleaning	650.90	186.75
Equipment & hire	2,094.69	0.00
Equipment repairs	242.75	172.13
Property Expenses	9,961.77	0.00
Property Rates	192.13	92.00
Capitations	2,640.00	3,622.50
Camps	225.00	1,576.59
Events/Trips/Activities	2,903.10	940.91
Postage & Telephone	386.50	544.39
Uniform, Scarf/Necker, Badges and T-Shirts	849.75	302.46
Hoody	1,208.50	207.00
Online scout manager	159.38	129.00
Gocardless transaction fees	116.61	57.44
Online scout manager transaction fees	193.91	112.39
Miscellaneous	301.81	72.08
Panto tickets	1,321.28	0.00
Bank charges	96.50	60.00
50 / 50 Club	218.00	161.00
Bouldering wall costs	1,305.66	0.00

Covid-19		
Minecraft	66.90	40.83
Zoom subscription	0.00	43.17
Hand sanitiser	13.43	0.00
	27,741.91	12,198.69
Receipts	27,517.30	20,464.47
Payments	27,741.91	12,198.69
Excess Receipts over Payments	(224.61)	8,265.78
Balance brought fwd 1st Jan 2021	158,995.94	150,730.16
SURPLUS as at 31.12.2021	158,771.33	158,995.94
	YTD 31	YTD
	December 2021	31 December
Represented By:		2020
	£	£
CAF General	6,316.84	1,876.50
CAF Short Investment	10,013.01	15,511.75
Scout Association Short Term Inv A/c	142,441.48	141,607.69
SURPLUS as at 31.12.2021	158,771.33	158,995.94

Accounts Notes

Summary	
Income	
Subs - Gocardless	5,658.75
- Grant from Three Rivers District Council	8,000.00
Lottery commission	13.52
Hall hire	
- Clarendon Montessori Nursery	5,377.50
- Three Rivers District	337.50
- Other Hall hire	675.00
Fund raising received	
Sale of books, furniture and fence posts	1,616.93
Deposit	
- Clarendon Montessori Nursery	225.00
Interest received	
Short Term Investment accounts - Interest rate received to January at 0.796%	833.79
Bank interest - Interest rate received to December at 0.15%	1.26
Expenditure	
Equipment purchased - Lawn mower	556.99
Dishwasher	522.00

Property Expenditure		
Electrical works	4,561.00	
Garage door repair and replacement	2,850.00	
Complete Fire Protection	855.60	
Keys	56.00	
Other property expenses branding, alarms, signage, storage boxes	288.25	
Capitations	2,640.00	3622.5
Other information		
Gocardless transaction fees 1%	116.61	
Online scout manager transaction fee 1.95%	193.91	
Bank charges	96.50	
Insurance Premiums		PY
Motor Insurance renewal 30 November 2021	0.00	191.36
Personal Accident and Medical non helpers renewal 1 December 2021	42.00	42.00
Property and Equipment renewal 5 June 2021 - Access Insurance previously Unity Insurance	1,998.05	2,817.69
Camps and Events		
2021		
Spooky fun Day		
Watopoly		
2022 - Peddle Car (postponed)		

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 5th North Watford Scout Group (the 'Group') held on Sunday 19th September 2021
(Due to Covid Lockdown Covering both 2019 and 2020)

Present:

David Robins -Chair

Julie Green- Group Scout Leader/Scout leader

Rob Green- Group Scout leader/Scout Leader

Deborah Sherring- Group Secretary/Hall booking Secretary

Tania Giles- Group Treasurer

Geoff Brown -acting Beaver Scout Leader/District Training Manager

Sally Bracher- Cub Scout leader

Gordon Sexstone- Asst Cub Scout Leader

Jacqui Sexstone -Asst Scout Leader

Dave Collette- District Commissioner (DC)

Sally Suitters- Group Supporter

Plus 33 adults and 37 Scouts, Beavers, Cubs, and young people, who signed the attendance book.

Chairman's Greeting- (Attachment 1) David opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. He explained the format of the meeting and referred the meeting to the full AGM report (Attachment 2) which he said, was posted in advance on OSM and could easily be accessed there during the meeting. David then introduced the DC followed by all the leaders and members of the Group Executive, including new Cub Leader Sally Bracher and new Asst Beaver Leader, Gordon Sexstone.

David went on to explain recent changes in the Group Executive, thanking former Beaver Leader Jemma Teer and former GSL, Ian Rance for their service to the Group. He thanked all members of the Executive Committee and in particular, Rob and Julie Green, who have taken over the GSL role, and Asst Cub Scout Leader, Roxy Buckley, who is continuing to assist the Group even whilst away at university.

Apologies for Absence- were received from Roxana Buckley, Asst Cub Scout Leader.

Approval of Minutes- minutes of previous AGM held on 29th May 2019 were tabled and approved.

GSL's Nomination for Chair- Rob Green, nominated David Robins to continue as Chair for a further year. The proposal was unanimously approved by show of hands.

GSL Report- (copy available). Rob said that after 23 years of leading Scouts and Explorers, he and Julie felt fully qualified to take on the role of joint GSL whilst continuing to lead the Group Scouts. He said that they had lots of plans for the Group going forward and announced that the first of these is to turn the unused room behind the stage into a bouldering room. He said that planning had begun and a budget of £12k was available. To keep within budget, some voluntary help would be needed. He listed several small jobs and asked that anyone suitably qualified and willing to help with them make themselves known to one of the Executive. He said that he also intended to get the young people of the Group involved with the project wherever possible.

Rob pointed out that an annual report for each section could be found on OSM and was also posted on the hall wall. Rob then made an appeal for parent helpers across all sections.

Approval of Annual Accounts- Accounts to 31st December 2020 were tabled and following a summary of them by the Treasurer, were unanimously approved.

Election of Treasurer and Secretary- David proposed that Deborah Sherring continue as Group Secretary and Tania Giles continue as Group Treasurer for a further year. Both proposals were unanimously approved by show of hands. **Election of Executive members-** David noted that as Leaders, Rob and Julie Green, Sally Bracher and Geoff Brown are all ex officio Executive officers, provided they consent so to be, so no election is needed for them.

David proposed that Jacqui Sexstone (Asst Scout Leader), Gordon Sexstone (Asst Cub Leader) and Roxana Buckley (Asst Cub Scout leader) be elected to the Executive. Noted that Gordon was to be invested after this meeting. The proposals were all carried unanimously. (N.B because Roxana was not present at this meeting, she had indicated her willingness to join the Executive in writing, as required by Scout policy.)

David proposed that Sally Suitters, a former parent member of the Executive, be re-elected to the Executive as a Group Supporter and that Neil Malde be re-elected as Cub Parent Representative. Both proposals were unanimously carried.

Omega Explorer Unit Representative- Nikhil Vora introduced himself as Omega Explorer Leader and said that Explorers had continued to meet online throughout lockdown and had now returned to face to face meetings based at the Group Hall. Rob explained that there are three Explorer Groups in the District which cater for 14- to 18-year-olds. Omega Explorers meets at the Group hall every

Thursday at 7.30pm. He referred the meeting to the Explorer report available on OSM and posted on the Hall wall.

District Commissioner- there followed a presentation by Dave Collett (attachment 1). He thanked all those who supported the 5th and congratulated Julie and Rob on their appointment as joint GSLs. He said that he was astounded by the ingenuity and effort put in by District Leaders to keep Scouting going throughout lockdown. As in the rest of the Country, District youth numbers had fallen post lockdown but were now picking up again. Similarly adult numbers had fallen so recruiting was ongoing across the district.

The Commissioner also announced that capitation will be reduced in 2022.

The Commissioner then presented '1st Virtual Scout Group' badges to thirteen Scouts and Cubs recognising their achievements in virtual Scouting during lockdown. The Commissioner was delighted to also be awarded this badge! He then presented certificates and 5-year service badges to the Group Chair and Group Treasurer.

AOB- there being no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and invited them to enjoy the various outdoor activities and BBQ awaiting in the grounds.

Attachments available on Request:

Attachment 1- Chairman's report

Attachment 2- AGM booklet

Attachment 3-District Commissioner Report



Beaver AGM Report 2021/2022

We currently have 21 Beavers, 4 girls and 17 boys but no permanent leader. It's been a difficult year for our Beaver colony, thanks to Geoff and Gordon the colony has been able to continue growing but, currently we are without a permanent Beaver leader. We have 3 parent helpers, David, and Debbie Williams and Umang Desai, and our Young Leader Jasmine Jarman who continue to support the running of Beavers. Other section leaders are covering to enable Beavers to stay open but finding a new uniformed and dedicated Beaver leader is currently our top priority!

Despite this Beavers is going strong! They have enjoyed an exciting programme over the past few terms. Activities have included experiments (we definitely didn't microwave crisp packets!), plate painting, road safety, junk modelling, campfires, cresta run, card making, Christmas parties (yes more than one!), pioneering, ridgeway climb, cooking, digital skills, emergency aid (thanks to Dave!), birdwatching, boulder wall painting and cycling.



Emergency Aid, Mar'22



Ridgeway Climb, May' 22



Cyclist Badge, Jun' 22

9 of our Beavers are also attending 'Beavers in Tents 2022' at Well End Scout Camp next weekend. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to get a taste for a night of camping and what's to come in Cubs and Scouts. County have planned lots of fun and interesting activities and I know we have some excited Beavers! We hope this can become a permanent fixture in the Beaver calendar.

Thank you for your support,
Roxy- Assistant Cub Leader





Cub AGM Report 2021/2022

What a year for our Cub pack! We currently have 27 Cubs in the pack, 5 girls and 22 boys.

We have 3 leaders and three parent helpers, although I don't really count as I am unable to attend Tuesday evenings due to university! The waiting list for our section is increasing daily and we would like to continue expanding our pack to a maximum of 32 however, cannot do that without another pair (or two!) of hands to help regularly.

Cubs have continued with a very varied programme and since September 2021 the Cubs have been awarded over 300 badges. A highlight this year was the County Bushcraft Day at Lees Wood which 18 of our Cubs attended. It was a great day with lots of fantastic activities such as fire lighting, rope making, cooking and nature challenges. A big thank you to all our parent helpers for making it possible!



County Bushcraft Day, Lees Wood Feb'22

Despite some challenges with Covid doing its rounds in the local schools early in the year, we have been able to get back to our normal Tuesday night activities. Activities have included trash fashion, crate stacking, zipwires, Halloween craft, baking, fireworks, snow sports, campfires, teamwork challenges, air activities, abseiling, gladiator challenge, bushcraft skills, archery, gardening and road safety.



Ringo Slide, Snow Centre Nov'21



Tree Planting, May'22

A big thank you goes to Sally Bracher and Richard Ashby, our Cub leaders, as well as Karen Crawley, Debbie Ashby and all our willing parents who help each week. Without you there every week Cubs would not run as smoothly as it does, and the Cubs wouldn't enjoy it as much as they do!

We will continue with a varied programme through the Autumn term and promise to get the Cubs away on a weekend camp soon.

Yours in Scouting,
Roxy- Assistant Cub Leader



SCOUTS

Scout AGM Report 2021/2022

There are 40 Scouts in the troop, 28 boys and 12 girls.

We have three Leaders, one adult helper and four Young Leaders. This is just enough to run an active program but ideally, we would like another pair of hands to help regularly on a Friday night. Please let us know if you could help.

In January we almost got to the Pedal Car Olympics, but the event was cancelled by the campsite a few days before due to Covid concerns. So, our first weekend away since March 2020 was the recent Water Activities Weekend with the Dockland Scout Project, staying aboard the Lord Amory. This was a great weekend with good weather and the Scouts participate in Canoeing, Kayaking, Rowing, and a bit of Sailing although there wasn't much wind! The Scouts really enjoy staying on board the boat in Canary Wharf and we have already booked it again for 2024!



Docklands Scout Project, Lord Amory Apr'22

We got back to our normal Friday night activities, working with some difficult Covid restrictions which have thankfully been eased. Activities have included high ropes, gladiator, twin zip wires, rifle shooting, archery, tomahawk throwing, wide games, chip shop hike, navigation with sweets, fireworks, tramp camp, canal boat trip, Jamboree on the Air, human hungry hippos, ice block challenge, slip'n'slide, cooking competition, first aid, Swedish knife badge, vortex cannons, axes & saws, lego tower challenge and a circus skills workshop.

We won the district wide game competition and came second place in the District Watopoly competition.



Crate Stacking, Paccar, Oct'21

We've just got back from Strategy Camp a weekend of activities at Cirencester Park in Gloucestershire. Geoff joined us and I think he'd like to come again! – sorry Jacqui, we know you said he was only replacing you for this year, but we have room for the both of you!

We will continue with our active programme through the Autumn term, potentially with another camp and then Pedal Car Olympics again in January 2023.

Thank you for your support,
Rob, Julie & Jacqui- Scout Leaders





Group Scout Leader AGM Report 2021/2022

It's been a busy year. All 3 sections have enjoyed a dynamic and exciting programme and a huge number of badges have been earned. Rob and I would like to thank all our Leaders, Young Leaders and all those adult helpers who have mucked in to enable this. Plans are already underway for more exciting future activities and camps.

Our HQ has had some improvements and re-organisation of storage. The new roller shutters mean all Leaders can now open the doors and it's no longer a physical challenge! The dishwasher means no one is faced with the task of scrubbing post-camp billycans. External lighting means a head torch for locking up is no longer necessary. Sensor lighting in the loos mean Beavers don't need to jump to reach the light switch. Our new trophy cabinet means we can all now see our large collection of trophies. Small practical gains but together they really have made a difference. It was amazing last Sunday, to get home after an exhausting weekend camp, quicker than usual because our go-to camping equipment is now all stored in the garage at the front of our hut along with our trailer.

Our bouldering wall is progressing nicely, thanks to all the help. We have used about 2,000 screws so far, so only about 4,000 to go! We need people with a range of skill levels, anywhere from carpenter to screwdriver operative! If you'd like to be involved, please shout and we can add you to our Climbing WhatsApp group.



Unfortunately, Gordon, our Beaver Leader is currently unable to run Beavers so the need for another Beaver Leader is our top priority. Other section leaders are covering, and we have fabulous regular parent helpers, but we really do need a dedicated Beaver Leader.

We are providing our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts with a wide and rich range of activities. But, with more adults we could provide even more activities and potentially include more children who are still on our waiting lists. As always, our doors are wide open, and we'd love to welcome you either as a uniformed leader or an occasional helper in any section. The 5th is a dynamic, fun-loving Group and the rewards of helping are huge.

Rob and Julie Green

5th North Watford 1st Langleybury
Accounts for the period ending 31 December 2021

	YTD 31 December 2021	YTD 31 December 2020
Receipts		
Subs	5,658.75	3,037.50
Grant	8,000.00	10,000.00
Donations and Fund Raising	1,616.93	0.00
Gift aid	0.00	2,841.90
Coffee morning income	171.80	0.00
Community lottery	13.52	13.52
Hall Income	6,390.00	2,120.00
Deposit	225.00	0.00
Camps and trips	2,181.25	1,186.00
Bank Interest	1.26	6.89
STI Interest	0.00	481.11
Miscellaneous - panto tickets	1,104.00	0.00
50 / 50 Club	600.00	555.00
T-Shirts/Uniform/Hoody	5.00	222.55
Don Goodchild	0.00	0.00
Grace Hoggett	0.00	0.00
Equipment Hire	0.00	0.00
Hoody	716.00	0.00
TOTAL	26,683.51	20,464.47

	YTD 31 December 2021	YTD 31 December 2019
Payments		
Insurance	2,040.05	3,051.05
Don Goodchild Award	0.00	0.00
Heat and Light	553.29	827.00
Cleaning	650.90	186.75
Equipment & hire	2,094.69	0.00
Equipment repairs	242.75	172.13
Property Expenses	9,961.77	0.00
Property Rates	192.13	92.00
Capitations	2,640.00	3,622.50
Camps	225.00	1,576.59
Events/Trips/Activities	2,903.10	940.91
Postage & Telephone	386.50	544.39
Uniform, Scarf/Necker, Badges and T-Shirts	849.75	302.46
Hoody	1,208.50	207.00
Online scout manager	159.38	129.00
Gocardless transaction fees	116.61	57.44
Online scout manager transaction fees	193.91	112.39
Miscellaneous	301.81	72.08
Coffee morning expenses	0.00	0.00
Panto tickets	1,321.28	0.00
Bank charges	96.50	60.00
50 / 50 Club	218.00	161.00
Bouldering wall costs	1,305.66	
Covid-19		
Minecraft	66.90	40.83
Zoom subscription	0.00	43.17
Hand sanitiser	13.43	0.00
		0.00
	27,741.91	12,198.69

Receipts	26,683.51	20,464.47
Payments	27,741.91	12,198.69
Excess Receipts over Payments	(1,058.40)	8,265.78
Balance brought fwd 1st Jan 2021	158,995.94	150,730.16
SURPLUS as at 31.12.2021	157,937.54	158,995.94

	YTD 31 December 2021	YTD 31 December 2020
Represented By:		
	£	£
CAF General	6,316.84	1,876.50
CAF Short Investment	10,013.01	15,511.75
Scout Association Short Term Inv A/c	141,607.69	141,607.69
SURPLUS as at 31.12.2021	157,937.54	158,995.94

5th North Watford 1st Langleybury

Accounts for the period ending 31 December 2021

Summary

Income

Subs - Gocardless
- Grant from Three Rivers District Council
Lottery commission

Hall hire

- Clarendon Montessori Nursery

- Three Rivers District
- Other Hall hire

Fund raising received

Sale of books, furniture and fence posts

Deposit

- Clarendon Montessori Nursery

Interest received

Short Term Investment accounts - Interest rate received to January at 0.796%
Bank interest - Interest rate received to December at 0.15%

Expenditure

Equipment purchased - Lawn mower
Dishwasher

Property Expenditure

Electrical works
Garage door repair and replacement
Complete Fire Protection
Keys
Other property expenses branding, alarms, signage, storage boxes

Capitations

Other information

Gocardless transaction fees 1%
Online scout manager transaction fee 1.95%
Bank charges

Insurance Premiums

Motor Insurance renewal 30 November 2021
Personal Accident and Medical non helpers renewal 1 December 2021
Property and Equipment renewal 5 June 2021 - Access Insurance previously Unity Insurance

Camps and Events

2021

Spooky fun Day

Watopoly

2022 - Peddle Car (postponed)

£	£
5,658.75	
8,000.00	
13.52	
5,377.50	
337.50	
675.00	
1,616.93	
225.00	
0.00	
1.26	
556.99	
522.00	
4,561.00	
2,850.00	
855.60	
56.00	
288.25	
2,640.00	3622.5
116.61	
193.91	
96.50	
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0.00	191.36
42.00	42.00
1,556.05	2,817.69

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 5th North Watford Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 5th North Watford Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 5th North Watford Scout Group 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 5th North Watford Scout Group 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 5th North Watford Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed: 

Name: NICOLA BRADSHAW

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): BOOK KEEPER

Address: LIMBURG WHITEALEY HILL CHESHAM Bucks HP5 3RL

Date: 15/6/22