

Dear Parents,

We are all aware that we are living through unusual times with Covid still about. It is nice to be able to welcome you to this meeting which is being held in the Scout hut this year. You will recall that our last AGM was held using zoom.

I would like to start by thanking the leaders for the magnificent job they have done in keeping scouting going during the pandemic. They have risen to the occasion and provided a variety of activities which, I'm sure, have been enjoyed by the children and young people. Now that we are able to meet together again I'm sure exciting times lie ahead.

Now, moving on to talk about your scout committee. I would like to thank each and every one of them for their contributions to the running of the Scout Group. Our committee meetings over the last two years have been held online using the zoom. This has enabled us to keep track of things and make the necessary decisions to keep the group running smoothly.

One of the important functions of the committee is to keep track of the Group finances. As you will be aware our income has been severely disrupted. Last year for the second time the canal festival was cancelled. This meant we have received no income from our main fundraising event, the crockery smash. We also have had less income from regular hall lettings and a big reduction in the subs that we have collected. Luckily we did receive a one-off grant of £8,000 from the council last year which has helped us to pay the bills. We are managing the finances by using some of our reserves but things will improve now that we are collecting subs again this year and the canal festival is on again.

We urgently need someone to be our hall bookings secretary. Currently we are having to turn down hall bookings as we have no one to take on this role. This is not a particularly difficult or time consuming job. It mostly involves taking phone bookings for young children's birthday parties, unlocking, checking at the end of the booking and locking up. Please let us know if you are interested in helping.

I would also like to thank all you parents for supporting and encouraging their children to be involved in scouting during these difficult times. As you will know scouting is a great organisation and gives children and young people lots of opportunity to participate in exciting and challenging activities, make new friends, develop confidence and life skills.

Finally, and importantly we are very short of parents on our Committee. Being a committee member is not very time consuming. We usually meet for a couple of hours in the evening about six times a year. However, the committee plays an important part in ensuring the effective running of the group. We would like to hear from you. Please consider joining us.

Thanks again for your support.

Ross Macdonald
Group Chairman
Executive Committee

FIRST RICKMANSWORTH SCOUTS

Bank Reconciliation

Balance per bank at 31.12.22

Nat West	32,687.95
Nat West	50.00
Lloyds	32,740.63
	<u>65,478.58</u>

Outstanding income:

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Outstanding cheques

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Adjusted balance per bank:

65,478.58

Opening Balance 1/1/21

66,090.68

Income for the year to date

36,409.88

Expenditure for the year to date

37,021.98

Cash Book Balance as at 31.12.22

65,478.58

Reserves

40,000.00

Funds Available

25,478.58



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

1st RICKMANSWORTH AND CHORLEYWOOD SCOUT GROUP

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 DECEMBER 2022

**Charity no:
(if any):**

302565

Set out on pages

One and two:

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021 DO / INE / YYYY.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *): in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed::

Date:

21/06/2023

Name:

JOHN WESTON RIDGEWAY

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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