

1st SANDRIDGE SCOUT AND GUIDE GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 302579

Details

Other names	1ST SANDRIDGE BOY SCOUT GROUP, 1ST SANDRIDGE SCOUT AND GUIDE GROUP, 1ST SANDRIDGE SCOUT GROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1965-03-02
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	6 Windermere Avenue St. Albans Hertfordshire AL1 5QW
Phone	01727867512

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: All Scouting Activities ie. knotting, first aid, cooking, fire lighting and map and compass work. All these skills are aimed at giving children the opportunity to take part in more adventurous activities enabling the children to look after themselves. Other activities include camping, interesting speakers, making things and demonstrations.

Classification

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

Geography

- Area of benefit: SANDRIDGE
- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£32,950	£32,823	-	-
2024-03-31	£30,631	£32,865	-	-
2023-03-31	£40,784	£26,407	-	-
2022-03-31	£41,744	£58,722	-	-
2021-03-31	£40,331	£8,823	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PHILLIP COATES	Chair	
Andrew Giddings		2014-10-09
Barry Shadbolt		2014-07-04
Bridget Shadbolt		2016-01-14
COLIN DAVISON		
Caroline Atkins		2014-07-04
JOHN FORWARD		
Kirstie West		2024-07-12
Liam Jackson		2025-05-12
NICOLA WELLS		
Nigel Kerr		2025-05-12
SIMON JEWELS		
Sharon Jackson		2016-01-14

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1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group

Report & Accounts for the Year ended 31st March 2025

Charity Reference Number: 302579
Scout Association Registration Number: 138

President:

Vice Presidents:

Trustees, Nominated and Appointed at AGM:	Name
Chairman	Phillip Coates
Treasurer	Colin Davison
Secretary	Andrew Giddings
	Caroline Atkins
	John Forward
	Sharon Jackson

Trustees, Ex Officio:	Name
Group Lead Volunteer	Nicola Wells
Team Leader (Scout)	Barry Shadbolt
Team Leader (Scout)	Liam Jackson
Team Leader (Cubs)	Connor Jackson
Team Leader (Cubs)	Nigel Kerr
Team Leader (Beaver)	Simon Jewels
Team Leader (Beaver)	Kirstie West
Guide Leader	Bridget Shadbolt

Custodian Trustees (if any):	Name
	Gillian Forward
	Bruce McFarlane
	Kevin Percy
	Craig Wells

Bankers: Santander UK Bank

Other Advisors (if any)

Contact Name and Address: Mr. C Davison
6 Windermere Avenue
St. Albans AL1 5QW

Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

Objectives and Structure of the Group

Our group aims are to meet those of the Scout and Guide Associations through a range of formal training sessions and other activities. These all take place during normal weekly meetings and extra organised events. The Group comprises six Scout Sections and one Guide Company so the activities are numerous and varied. The Scouts Section are members of The Scout Association and the Guide Section is a member of Girl Guiding UK. Each section follows the activities of the relevant national association and is governed by their rules and policies.

The weekly meetings include the normal training standards such as knotting, first aid, cooking, fire lighting and map and compass work. All these basic skills are aimed at giving children the opportunity to take part in more adventurous activities and enabling the children to look after themselves. The other activities this year have included visits to local places of interest, cycling, night hikes, bridge building using pioneering skills and talks by outside speakers.

Major Activities and Achievements in the Year

1st Sandridge Scout and Guide group continues into its 98th year. During recent events we have heard from many past members who have great memories of their time at the Scout & Guide Group, they have been able to share these memories with current members who are enjoying the very varied and adventurous programmes and activities provided by our dedicated team of leaders. Every leader has had to do the new safety training and many due to the change in role titles more training all adding to the hundreds of volunteer hours, that are freely given each year.

The new outside kitchen, is looking great and being well used. Plans are being drawn up for the large extension needed to make our headquarters, accessible to all. This will require even more from the fundraising team. We hope that nothing will get in the way of any of the traditional scouting & guiding activities.

Governing Documents

The Group is a trust with Trustees appointed in accordance with the Constitution which is re-adopted at each Annual General Meeting of the Group Council, the last in July 2024. The constitution follows the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association and Girlguiding UK.

Financial Review 2024/25

The Accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous year. The statement of assets and liabilities shows the nature of the assets controlled by Group, together with an estimate of current value, and any material liabilities that need to be met from the funds. Both the receipts and payments accounts and statement of assets and liabilities have been prepared following the guidance for accounting for smaller charities issued by the Charity Commission.

The level of subscriptions received reflects the number of members in the Group which has reduced due to the lower number of members from the previous year. The Group receives significant donations for the use of the hut, which has enables the Group to maintain sufficient levels of reserves without increasing subscriptions for membership of the Group. The Trustee Board considers the bank and cash balances held by the Group are sufficient to cover the running costs of the sections, repairs to the hut and provide cover for potential unforeseen expenses.

Transactions with Trustees

Occasionally trustees or related companies will supply services to the Group the costs of which are agreed with other trustees not related to those trustees. During the year trustees-related companies supplied goods and services in support of evening activities of the group. These supported an evening activity for one sections to a total cost to the Group of £312 during the year (2024: £1,622).

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities if the group income and fundraising activities fall. The Group Trustee Board regularly reviews cash balances to ensure sufficient funds are held.

The Group has established a Building Fund to cover any potential capital costs on maintaining the building and to fund an extension to the Hut in order to improve the Group's facilities. The Building Fund currently stands at £25,771. A payment of £1,632 in relation to the building project was made in the year. As the expenses for the project increase these will be shown separately in future accounts.

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

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.

Serious Incidents

There were no serious incidents reportable to the Charity Commission during the financial year that should have been reported to the Commission but were not.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group has in place a system of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement and loss that are proportionate to the size of the Group. These include 2 signatories being required for all payments and insurance policies to ensure insurable risks are covered. As members of The Scout Association and Girl Guiding UK the Group is covered by accident insurance for the relative activities under those associations and the Trustee Board have taken out additional insurance, such as building and contents insurance for the Group HQ, where appropriate.

The Trustees Report, Accounts and accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 26 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Nicola Wells
Group Lead Volunteer

Phillip Coates
Group Chairman

Colin Davison
Group Treasurer

1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group

Receipts and Payments Summary for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
Total Receipts for the year	32,950	30,631
Total Payments for the year	(32,823)	(32,865)
Net Receipts (Payments) for the year	127	(2,234)
Cash, Bank and similar funds b/fwd	52,854	55,088
Cash, Bank and similar funds c/fwd	52,981	£52,854

Represented By:

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
General Fund		
Opening Balance for the year	29,800	34,121
Net Receipts (Payments) for the year (excluding payments from Building Fund)	1,759	(2,234)
Transferred from / (to) Building Fund	(4,349)	(2,087)
Closing Balance for the year	27,210	29,800
Building Fund		
Opening Balance for the year	23,054	20,967
Transferred from / (to) General Fund	4,349	2,087
Payments out of Fund	(1,632)	0
Closing Balance for the year	25,771	23,054
Cash, Bank and similar funds c/fwd	52,981	£52,854

**1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group
Receipts for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
Membership Subs	18,660	17,797
Less: Paid	(10,739)	(8,894)
	7,921	8,903
Activities and Camps		
Activities	2,880	2,201
Camps	3,120	3,957
	6,000	6,158
Investment Income	477	312
Donations/Grants	8,991	7,693
Fund Raising (Gross)	7,679	5,600
Income Tax Recovered	1,082	1,245
Brownies and Explorers Hut Use	800	720
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£32,950	£30,631

**1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group
Payments for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
Premises		
Telephone	175	165
Light & Heat	5,766	4,099
Insurance	3,162	3,518
Repairs & Renewals	1,166	7,926
Fire Protection, Cleaning, Other	1,837	1,896
	12,106	17,604
Activities and Camps		
Activities	7,444	7,000
Camps	2,658	2,587
	10,102	9,587
Donations/Grants	0	43
Fund Raising Expenses	3,190	3,547
Administration Expenses	44	32
Trustee Expenses	0	0
Purchase of Capital Equipment	3,526	739
Badges & Clothing	1,413	1,313
Credit & Debit Card Transaction Costs	481	0
Web-Site	329	0
Building Project Costs	1,632	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£32,823	£32,865

1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group
Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2025

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
MONETARY ASSETS: Cash, bank and similar funds		
Bank Current Account(s)	8,599	9,883
NS&I Investment Account (Reserve)	43,918	42,441
Cash in hand	464	530
	52,981	52,854
Tax Claim for Year Ending 5th April 2025	238	56
	£53,219	£52,910
NON-MONETARY ASSETS: Assets for Charity's own use		
Badge Stock		
Land and buildings	960,000	340,000
Motor vehicles	0	0
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc.	16,000	16,000
	976,000	£356,000
LIABILITIES: Those due within one year	0	0
LIABILITIES: Those payable after one year	0	0
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS	0	0

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

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 commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of 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 next statement.

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 Act

have not been met or

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

Signature:

Name:

Qualification:

Address

Date:

Sandra Sayce

St Albans North District Commissioner –
Girlguiding

13 Hill Rise, Ruislip,
Middlesex. HA4 7JN

24 June 2025

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Scout Association Registration Number: 138

President:

Vice Presidents:

Trustees, Ex Officio:

Group Scout Leader

Scout Leader

Scout Leader

Cub Scout Leader

Assistant Cub Scout Leader

Beaver Scout Leader

Beaver Scout Leader

Guide Leader

Name

Nicola Wells

Barry Shadbolt

Charli-Anne McFarlane

Kate Wells

Alex Hamilton-Bray

Simon Jewels

Danielle Higgins

Bridget Shadbolt

Trustees, Elected:

Chairman

Treasurer

Secretary

Name

Phillip Coates

Colin Davison

Andrew Giddings

Trustees, Nominated:

Name

Caroline Atkins

John Forward

Sharon Jackson

Custodian Trustees (if any):

Name

Gillian Forward

Bruce McFarlane

Kevin Percy

Craig Wells

Bankers:

Santander UK Bank

Other Advisors (if any)

Contact Name and Address:

Mr. C Davison

6 Windermere Avenue

St. Albans AL1 5QW

Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

Objectives and Structure of the Group

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The weekly meetings include the normal training standards such as knotting, first aid, cooking, fire lighting and map and compass work. All these basic skills are aimed at giving children the opportunity to take part in more adventurous activities and enabling the children to look after themselves. The other activities this year have included visits to local places of interest, cycling, night hikes, bridge building using pioneering skills and talks by outside speakers.

Major Activities and Achievements in the Year

1st Sandridge Scout and Guide group continues into its 97th year. In that time 1,000's of young people have gained skills for life, made possible by the small army of volunteers who have worked with the Group. Many of those volunteers have come up through the sections before becoming leaders themselves. This tradition is still as strong today and the young people continue to have an incredibly varied weekly experience. Members also take part in Camps, a Gang Show, Competitions, ranging from Orienteering, to swimming, to cooking and Community projects.

There are two projects on the go at the moment, one the building of an outside kitchen, which is nearing completion, the second will take some time, as it involves a large extension to the headquarters. Plans are being drawn up and fundraising is taking place. This will not get in the way of any of the traditional scouting activities

Governing Documents

The Group is a trust with Trustees appointed in accordance with the Constitution which is re-adopted at each Annual General Meeting of the Group Council, the last in July 2023. The constitution follows the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association and Girlguiding UK

Financial Review 2023/24

The Accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous year. The statement of assets and liabilities shows the nature of the assets controlled by Group, together with an estimate of current value, and any material liabilities that need to be met from the funds. Both the receipts and payments accounts and statement of assets and liabilities have been prepared following the guidance for accounting for smaller charities issued by the Charity Commission.

The level of subscriptions received reflects the number of members in the Group which has reduced due to the lower number of members from the previous year.

Receipts were lower than expenses for the year, mainly due to higher electricity expenses, lower fund raising activities and spending on upgrading the kitchen area during the year. The Group receives significant donations for the use of the hut, which has enables the Group to maintain sufficient levels of reserves without increasing subscriptions for membership of the Group. The Trustee Board considers the bank and cash balances held by the Group are sufficient to cover the running costs of the sections, repairs to the hut and provide cover for potential unforeseen expenses.

Transactions with Trustees

Occasionally trustees or related companies will supply services to the Group the costs of which are agreed with other trustees not related to those trustees. During the year trustees-related companies supplied goods and services in support of evening activities of the group. These supported 6 evening activities across 4 sections to a total cost to the Group of £1,622 during the year.

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities if the group income and fundraising activities fall. The Group Trustee Board regularly reviews cash balances to ensure sufficient funds are held.

The Group has established a Building Fund to cover any potential capital costs on maintaining the building and to fund an extension to the Hut in order to improve the Group's facilities. The Building Fund currently stands at £23,054.

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

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.

Serious Incidents

There were no serious incidents reportable to the Charity Commission during the financial year that should have been reported to the Commission but were not.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group has in place a system of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement and loss that are proportionate to the size of the Group. These include 2 signatories being required for all payments and insurance policies to ensure insurable risks are covered. As members of The Scout Association and Girl Guiding UK the Group is covered by accident insurance for the relative activities under those associations and the Trustee Board have taken out additional insurance, such as building and contents insurance for the Group HQ, where appropriate.

The Trustees Report, Accounts and accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 2 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Nicola Wells
Group Scout Leader

Phillip Coates
Group Chairman

Colin Davison
Group Treasurer

1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group

Receipts and Payments Summary for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
Total Receipts for the year	30,631	40,784
Total Payments for the year	(32,865)	(26,407)
Net Receipts (Payments) for the year	(2,234)	14,377
Cash, Bank and similar funds b/fwd	55,088	40,711
Cash, Bank and similar funds c/fwd	£52,854	£55,088

Represented By:

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
General Fund		
Opening Balance for the year	34,121	28,112
Net Receipts (Payments) for the year (excluding payments from Building Fund)	(2,234)	14,377
Transferred from / (to) Building Fund	(2,087)	(8,368)
Closing Balance for the year	29,800	34,121
Building Fund		
Opening Balance for the year	20,967	12,599
Transferred from / (to) General Fund	2,087	8,368
Payments out of Fund	0	0
Closing Balance for the year	23,054	20,967
Cash, Bank and similar funds c/fwd	£52,854	£55,088

1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group
Receipts for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
Membership Subs	17,797	18,354
Less: Paid	(8,894)	(8,845)
	8,903	9,509
Activities and Camps		
Activities	2,201	2,030
Camps	3,957	3,948
	6,158	5,978
Investment Income	312	30
Donations/Grants	7,693	10,968
Fund Raising (Gross)	5,600	11,905
Income Tax Recovered	1,245	1,674
Brownies and Explorers Hut Use	720	720
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£30,631	£40,784

**1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group
Payments for the Year Ended 31st March 2024**

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
Premises		
Telephone	165	168
Light & Heat	4,099	1,858
Insurance	3,518	3,335
Repairs & Renewals	7,926	2,366
Fire Protection, Cleaning, Other	1,896	966
	17,604	8,693
Activities and Camps		
Activities	7,000	5,467
Camps	2,587	3,464
	9,587	8,931
Donations/Grants	43	375
Fund Raising Expenses	3,547	5,908
Administration Expenses	32	83
Trustee Expenses	0	0
Purchase of Capital Equipment	739	1,018
Badges & Clothing	1,313	1,399
Sundry Payments	0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£32,865	£26,407

1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group
Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2024

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
MONETARY ASSETS: Cash, bank and similar funds		
Bank Current Account(s)	9,883	12,638
NS&I Investment Account (Reserve)	42,441	42,129
Cash in hand	530	321
	52,854	55,088
Tax Claim for Year Ending 5th April 2024	56	0
	£52,910	£55,088
NON-MONETARY ASSETS: Assets for Charity's own use		
Badge Stock		
Land and buildings	340,000	340,000
Motor vehicles	0	0
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc.	16,000	16,000
	£356,000	£356,000
LIABILITIES: Those due within one year	0	0
LIABILITIES: Those payable after one year	0	0
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS	0	0

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Basis of examiner's report

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Signature:

Name:

Qualification:

Address

Date:

Martyn MacPhee

Accountant (Retired)

103 Stanley Avenue, Chiswell Green,
St. Albans, Herts. AL2 3AQ

29 June 2024

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The weekly meetings include the normal training standards such as knotting, first aid, cooking, fire lighting and map and compass work. All these basic skills are aimed at giving children the opportunity to take part in more adventurous activities and enabling the children to look after themselves. The other activities this year have included visits to local places of interest, cycling, night hikes, bridge building using pioneering skills and talks by outside speakers.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Groups and Districts. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

Major Activities and Achievements in the Year

1st Sandridge Scout and Guide group continues to thrive, providing weekly face to face meetings inside and out, all sections have been able to have nights away both under canvas and at activity centres. Programmes always included traditional skills such as fire lighting and tracking alongside new adventurous activities. The whole group was represented at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in the village. One young leader will be taking part in the Scout World Jamboree this year, following an extensive period of training.

The team of dedicated leaders continue to lead and inspire the young people week in week out and keep their mandatory training up to date. Another four Leaders have successfully completed their Wood Badge Training and 8 adult members of the group have been awarded for exceptional service. Following the successful fund raising to replace the roof of the headquarters last year, now to create an updated outdoor kitchen, the next project is to raise enough money to enlarge the headquarters in order to provide step free access, suitable facilities for all users and improved catering facilities.

Plans are always being made to give the young people of the group the very best of experience

Governing Documents

The Groups governing documents are those of the The Scout Association and Girlguiding UK. The Group is a trust with Trustees appointed in accordance with the Constitution which was renewed in March 2021. The constitution follows the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association and Girlguiding UK

Financial Review 2022/23

The Accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous year. The statement of assets and liabilities shows the nature of the assets controlled by Group, together with an estimate of current value, and any material liabilities that need to be met from the funds. Both the receipts and payments accounts and statement of assets and liabilities have been prepared following the guidance for accounting for smaller charities issued by the Charity Commission.

The level of subscriptions received reflects the number of members in the Group which has reduced due to the lower number of members attending meetings during the lockdown periods.

Receipts were higher than expenses for the year, mainly due to fund raising activities during the year. Three main fund raising events were held during the year: Barbeque and Jar Tombola as part of the village celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, a Christmas Market held at the hut, at which the Group also ran a Barbeque and a Quiz Night in March. Combined, these raised £5,600 which have been added to the Building Fund. A private donation for the Building Fund of £1,500 has also been received. The Group also received significant donations for the use of the hut, which has enable the General Fund to be increased. In line with the rise in the cost of living, certain expense of the Group have increased, especially that for light and heat. While the accounts show less spent than the previous year, this is because no fuel oil for heating was purchased this year as the tank is usually filled in alternate years which was done in the previous year.

The Boiler of the hut broke down earlier this year and the Executive Committee is working to replace the boiler as soon as practical. This will be a significant expense next year, but the Executive Committee considers the bank and cash balances held by the Group are sufficient to cover the running costs of the sections, repairs to the hut and provide to cover for potential unforeseen expenses.

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities if the group income and fundraising activities fall. The Group Executive Committee regularly reviews cash balances to ensure sufficient funds are held.

A Group has established a Building Fund to cover any potential capital costs on maintaining the building and to fund an extension to the Hut in order to improve the Group's facilities. The Building Fund currently stands at £20,967.

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

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.

Serious Incidents

There were no serious incidents reportable to the Charity Commission during the financial year that should have been reported to the Commission but were not.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group has in place a system of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement and loss that are proportionate to the size of the Group. These include 2 signatories being required for all payments and insurance policies to ensure insurable risks are covered. As members of The Scout Association and Girl Guiding UK the Group is covered by accident insurance for the relative activities under those associations and the Executive Committee have taken out additional insurance, such as building and contents insurance for the Group HQ, where appropriate.

The Trustees Report, Accounts and accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 3 July 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Nicola Wells
Group Scout Leader

Phillip Coates
Group Chairman

Colin Davison
Group Treasurer

1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group

Receipts and Payments Summary for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
Total Receipts for the year	40,784	41,774
Total Payments for the year	(26,407)	(58,722)
Net Receipts (Payments) for the year	14,377	(16,948)
Cash, Bank and similar funds b/fwd	40,711	57,659
Cash, Bank and similar funds c/fwd	£55,088	£40,711

Represented By:

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
General Fund		
Opening Balance for the year	28,112	21,077
Net Receipts (Payments) for the year (excluding payments from Building Fund)	14,377	27,654
Transferred from / (to) Building Fund	(8,368)	(20,619)
Closing Balance for the year	34,121	28,112
Building Fund		
Opening Balance for the year	12,599	36,582
Transferred from / (to) General Fund	8,368	20,619
Payments out of Fund	0	(44,602)
Closing Balance for the year	20,967	12,599
Cash, Bank and similar funds c/fwd	£55,088	£40,711

1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group
Receipts for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
Membership Subs	18,354	15,896
Less: Paid	(8,845)	(8,892)
	9,509	7,004
Activities and Camps		
Activities	2,030	773
Camps	3,948	1,471
	5,978	2,244
Investment Income	30	3
Donations/Grants	10,968	28,080
Fund Raising (Gross)	11,905	636
Income Tax Recovered	1,674	2,206
Sundry Receipts		
Sale of Mini Bus	0	881
Brownies and Explorers Hut Use	720	720
	720	1,601
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£40,784	£41,774

**1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group
Payments for the Year Ended 31st March 2023**

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
Premises		
Telephone	168	165
Light & Heat	1,858	3,742
Insurance	3,335	2,803
Repairs & Renewals	2,366	44,998
Fire Protection, Cleaning, Other	966	1,283
	8,693	52,991
Activities and Camps		
Activities	5,467	3,152
Camps	3,464	750
	8,931	3,902
Donations/Grants	375	0
Fund Raising Expenses	5,908	23
Administration Expenses	83	133
Trustee Expenses	0	0
Purchase of Capital Equipment	1,018	782
Badges & Clothing	1,399	891
Sundry Payments		0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£26,407	£58,722

1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group
Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2023

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
MONETARY ASSETS: Cash, bank and similar funds		
Bank Current Account(s)	12,638	7,343
NS&I Investment Account (Reserve)	42,129	32,100
Cash in hand	321	1,268
	55,088	40,711
Tax Claim for Year Ending 5th April 2023	0	46
	£55,088	£40,757
NON-MONETARY ASSETS: Assets for Charity's own use		
Badge Stock		0
Land and buildings	340,000	340,000
Motor vehicles	0	0
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc.	16,000	16,000
	356,000	356,000
LIABILITIES: Those due within one year	0	0
LIABILITIES: Those payable after one year	0	0
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS	0	0

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2023 which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

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 commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of 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 next statement.

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 Act

have not been met or

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

Signature:

Name:

Qualification:

Address

Date:

Martyn MacPhee

Accountant (Retired)

103 Stanley Avenue, Chiswell Green,
St. Albans, Herts. AL2 3AQ

1 July 2023

1st SANDRIDGE SCOUT AND GUIDE GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 302579

Accounts

1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group

Report & Accounts for the Year ended 31st March 2022

Charity Reference Number: 302579

Scout Association Registration Number: 138

President:

Vice Presidents:

Trustees, Ex Officio:

Group Scout Leader

Scout Leader

Scout Leader

Cub Scout Leader

Assistant Cub Scout Leader

Beaver Scout Leader

Beaver Scout Leader

Guide Leader

Name

Nicola Wells

Barry Shadbolt

Charli-Anne McFarlane

Kate Wells

Alex Hamilton-Bray

Simon Jewels

Dominic Bentley

Emma Watson

Trustees, Elected:

Chairman

Treasurer

Secretary

Name

Phillip Coates

Colin Davison

Andrew Giddings

Trustees, Nominated:

Name

Caroline Atkins

John Forward

Sharon Jackson

Bridget Shadbolt

Custodian Trustees (if any):

Name

Gillian Forward

Bruce McFarlane

Kevin Pearcy

Craig Wells

Bankers:

Santander UK Bank

Other Advisors (if any)

Contact Name and Address:

Mr. C Davison

6 Windermere Avenue

St. Albans AL1 5QW

Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2022

Objectives and Structure of the Group

Our group aims are to meet those of the Scout and Guide Associations through a range of formal training sessions and other activities. These all take place during normal weekly meetings and extra organised events. The Group comprises six Scout Sections and one Guide Company so the activities are numerous and varied. The Scouts Section are members of The Scout Association and the Guide Section is a member of Girl Guiding UK. Each section follows the activities of the relevant national association and is governed by their rules and policies.

The weekly meetings include the normal training standards such as knotting, first aid, cooking, fire lighting and map and compass work. All these basic skills are aimed at giving children the opportunity to take part in more adventurous activities and enabling the children to look after themselves. The other activities this year have included visits to local places of interest, cycling, night hikes, bridge building using pioneering skills and talks by outside speakers.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Groups and Districts. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

Major Activities and Achievements in the Year

Thankfully, the life of 1st Sandridge Scout and Guide group has started to return to normal, so there has been weekly face to face meetings inside and out, sections have been able to have nights away both under canvas and at activity centres. Programmes have included traditional skills such as fire lighting and tracking alongside new adventurous activities. The whole group will be represented at the Queen's platinum celebrations in the village. One young leader has been selected to take part in the Scout World Jamboree next year, he has started an extensive period of training.

The team of dedicated leaders continue to lead and inspire the young people week in week out, and keep their mandatory training up to date. Seven Leaders have successfully completed their Wood Badge Training and 5 adult members of the group have been awarded for exceptional service. Despite all of the recent restrictions funds were raised so that the roof of the headquarters, which was built for the group by parents 55 years ago, could be replaced.

Plans are always being made to give the young people of the group the very best of experiences.

Governing Documents

The Groups governing documents are those of the The Scout Association and Girlguiding UK. The Group is a trust with Trustees appointed in accordance with the Constitution which was renewed in March 2021. The constitution follows the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association and Girlguiding UK

Financial Review 2020/21

The Accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous year. The statement of assets and liabilities shows the nature of the assets controlled by Group, together with an estimate of current value, and any material liabilities that need to be met from the funds. Both the receipts and payments accounts and statement of assets and liabilities have been prepared following the guidance for accounting for smaller charities issued by the Charity Commission.

The level of subscriptions received reflects the number of members in the Group which has reduced due to the lower number of members attending meetings during the lockdown periods.

As mentioned in the activities section the Group replaced the Hut Roof during the year. This cost over £44,000 which was covered by the funds previous raised and further grants and donations during the year. A further Covid Grant of £8,000 was received from St. Albans District Council which the Executive decided to allocate for the replacement of the roof. During the Financial Year the Group has received grants for the roof of £6,000 from Sandridge Parish Council and £5,000 from the Bernard Sunley Foundation. Consequently the Executive considers the Group to be in a position to start these urgent repairs in the summer. The Group is grateful to all organisations and individual who have contribute to the funds to enable the roof replacement to be completed this year.

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities if the group income and fundraising activities fall. The Group Executive Committee regularly reviews cash balances to ensure sufficient funds are held.

Following damage the replacement of the Hut Roof funds of £12,599 remained in the Roof Fund. The Executive Committee decided to continue to raise funds to cover any potential capital costs on maintaining the building and also potential enable an extension to the Hut in the future. Consequently the fund has been renamed to Building Fund in these accounts. The accounts show (on page 3) a separate reserve for the Building Fund, with other funds being represented by a General Fund.

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

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.

Serious Incidents

There were no serious incidents reportable to the Charity Commission during the financial year that should have been reported to the Commission but were not.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group has in place a system of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement and loss that are proportionate to the size of the Group. These include 2 signatories being required for all payments and insurance policies to ensure insurable risks are covered. As members of The Scout Association and Girl Guiding UK the Group is covered by accident insurance for the relative activities under those associations and the Executive Committee have taken out additional insurance, such as building and contents insurance for the Group HQ, where appropriate.

The Trustees Report, Accounts and accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 23 June 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Nicola Wells
Group Scout Leader

Phillip Coates
Group Chairman

Colin Davison
Group Treasurer

1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group

Receipts and Payments Summary for the Year Ended 31st March 2022

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
Total Receipts for the year	41,774	40,331
Total Payments for the year	(58,722)	(8,823)
Net Receipts (Payments) for the year	(16,948)	31,508
Cash, Bank and similar funds b/fwd	57,659	26,151
Cash, Bank and similar funds c/fwd	£40,711	£57,659

Represented By:

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
General Fund		
Opening Balance for the year	21,077	17,061
Net Receipts (Payments) for the year (excluding payments from Building Fund)	27,654	31,508
Transferred from / (to) Building Fund	(20,619)	(27,492)
Closing Balance for the year	28,112	21,077
Building Fund		
Opening Balance for the year	36,582	9,090
Transferred from / (to) General Fund	20,619	27,492
Payments out of Fund	(44,602)	0
Closing Balance for the year	12,599	36,582
Cash, Bank and similar funds c/fwd	£40,711	£57,659

During the year the Group replaced the Roof using funds from the Building Fund, and contributed to a stone bench in memory of Phil Wells which is situated by the entrance to the Hut. The total cost of these was £44,602.

1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group
Receipts for the Year Ended 31st March 2022

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
Membership Subs	15,896	13,460
Less: Paid	(8,892)	(7,822)
	7,004	5,638
Activities and Camps		
Activities	773	380
Camps	1,471	140
	2,244	520
Investment Income	3	182
Donations/Grants	28,080	26,709
Fund Raising (Gross)	636	4,951
Income Tax Recovered	2,206	1,771
Sundry Receipts		
Sale of Mini Bus	881	0
Brownies and Explorers Hut Use	720	560
Miscellaneous/Telephone	0	0
	1,601	560
TOTAL RECEIPTS	41,774	£40,331

**1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group
Payments for the Year Ended 31st March 2022**

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
Premises		
Telephone	165	170
Light & Heat	3,742	1,856
Insurance	2,803	2,236
Repairs & Renewals	44,998	983
Fire Protection, Cleaning, Other	1,283	823
	52,991	6,068
Activities and Camps		
Activities	3,152	1,387
Camps	750	
Mini Bus		714
	3,902	2,101
Donations/Grants	0	0
Fund Raising Expenses	23	0
Administration Expenses	133	23
Trustee Expenses	0	0
Purchase of Capital Equipment	782	258
Badges & Clothing	891	373
Sundry Payments	0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£58,722	£8,823

1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group
Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2022

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
MONETARY ASSETS: Cash, bank and similar funds		
Bank Current Account(s)	7,343	14,909
NS&I Investment Account (Reserve)	32,100	42,096
Cash in hand	1,268	654
	40,711	57,659
Tax Claim for Year Ending 5th April 2022	46	595
	£40,757	£58,254
NON-MONETARY ASSETS: Assets for Charity's own use		
Badge Stock	0	0
Land and buildings	340,000	340,000
Motor vehicles	0	2,100
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc.	16,000	16,000
	356,000	£358,100
LIABILITIES: Those due within one year	0	0
LIABILITIES: Those payable after one year	0	0
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS	0	0

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2022 which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

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 commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of 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 next statement.

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 Act

have not been met or

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

Signature:

Name:

Qualification:

Address

Date:

Martyn MacPhee

Accountant (Retired)

103 Stanley Avenue, Chiswell Green,
St. Albans, Herts. AL2 3AQ

23 June 2022

1st SANDRIDGE SCOUT AND GUIDE GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 302579

Accounts

1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group

Report & Accounts for the Year ended 31st March 2021

Charity Reference Number: 302579
Scout Association Registration Number: 138

President:
Vice Presidents:

Trustees, Ex Officio:	Name
Group Scout Leader	Nicola Wells
Scout Leader	Barry Shadbolt
Scout Leader	Charli-Anne MacFarlane
Cub Scout Leader	Kate Wells
Assistant Cub Scout Leader	Alex Hamilton-Bray
Beaver Scout Leader	Simon Jewels
Beaver Scout Leader	Dominic Bentley
Guide Leader	Emma Watson

Trustees, Elected:	Name
Chairman	Phillip Coates
Treasurer	Colin Davison
Secretary	Andrew Giddings

Trustees, Nominated:	Name
	Caroline Atkins
	John Forward
	Sharon Jackson
	Bridget Shadbolt

Custodian Trustees (if any):	Name
	Gillian Forward
	Bruce McFarlane
	Kevin Percy
	Craig Wells

Bankers: Santander UK Bank

Other Advisors (if any)

Contact Name and Address: Mr. C Davison
6 Windermere Avenue
St. Albans AL1 5QW

1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group

Message from the Chairman

PHIL WELLS 14th September 1950 - 4th January 2021



Phil was known to many in Sandridge and its locality through his involvement our Group. He joined Sandridge as a Wolf Cub in 1960 transferring from the Lymington Group when his family moved to Wheathampstead. Phil went onto become a Scout, Senior Scout and leader with Cubs, Scouts and Venture Scouts before becoming our Group Scout Leader. Not only will Phil be remembered by numerous Sandridge Scout and Guide Group members he will also be remembered by hundreds of children for his Chairmanship of the St Albans Scout & Guide Gang Show over a 10-year period and by many whose lives he helped shape.

From the first week I joined Sandridge Scouts just over 50 years ago when I was invited to camp at Gilwell Park, to numerous Scout camps, to attending Patrol Leaders meetings (always with a great spread of food!) and then Venture Scout meetings that tended to end up at the Queens Head he was a leader!!

He inspired me to become a Scout Leader. More camps followed before Phil and I swapped roles and I became Venture Leader, and he went back to Scouts before becoming GSL. Canal trips, holidaying, playing football for the great Batchwood FC (nobody got past Phil!!!), weddings (thanks for taking our drunken vicar home) and numerous other great times followed.

A great friend, an inspiration to me and numerous others and a true Scouting man and Sandridge Scout legend.

RIP Phil

Phillip Coates
Group Chairman

Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

Objectives and Structure of the Group

Our group aims are to meet those of the Scout and Guide Associations through a range of formal training sessions and other activities. These all take place during normal weekly meetings and extra organised events. The Group comprises six Scout Sections and one Guide Company so the activities are numerous and varied. The Scouts Section are members of The Scout Association and the Guide Section is a member of Girl Guiding UK. Each section follows the activities of the relevant national association and is governed by their rules and policies.

The weekly meetings include the normal training standards such as knotting, first aid, cooking, fire lighting and map and compass work. All these basic skills are aimed at giving children the opportunity to take part in more adventurous activities and enabling the children to look after themselves. The other activities this year have included visits to local places of interest, cycling, night hikes, bridge building using pioneering skills and talks by outside speakers.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Groups and Districts. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

Major Activities and Achievements in the Year

This past year has been like no other, due to Covid there has only been a couple of months when Scouting and Guiding could run any face-to-face activities. Even then the group size was limited, and the event had to be outside, as it was winter when this was allowed it didn't really make up for all that has been missed.

Our dedicated team of leaders, most of whom were having to either home tutor or shield loved ones, have done an outstanding job. They have given the majority of the group's young people a varied and interesting programme of online activities, these have included doing new activities under the direction of outside agencies and some brilliant ideas dreamed up by the leaders. At the same time all mandatory leader training has been undertaken.

The whole team is looking forward to being able to return to normal as soon as they are allowed to.

Governing Documents

The Groups governing documents are those of the The Scout Association and Girlguiding UK. The Group is a trust with Trustees appointed in accordance with the Constitution which was renewed in March this year. The constitution follows the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association and Girlguiding UK

Financial Review 2020/21

The Accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous year. The statement of assets and liabilities shows the nature of the assets controlled by Group, together with an estimate of current value, and any material liabilities that need to be met from the funds. Both the receipts and payments accounts and statement of assets and liabilities have been prepared following the guidance for accounting for smaller charities issued by the Charity Commission.

The level of subscriptions received reflects the number of members in the Group which has reduced due to the lower number of members attending meetings during the lockdown periods. The need to replace the roof of the Hut remained a concern through the year, with the state of the roof deteriorating. As planned fund raising events were

not possible the Executive Committee made efforts to obtain grants to cover the costs of the Roof Replacement. Covid Grants of £20,000 have been received from St. Albans District Council and the Executive have decided to allocate these funds for the replacement of the roof. A grant of £2,000 was received in the year from the Leslie Sells Charitable Trust towards the roof replacement and nearly £5,000 was raised in memory of Phil Wells. Since the end of the Financial Year the Group has received £6,000 from Sandridge Parish Council and the Group has received another offer of £5,000 from another Charitable Foundation. Consequently the Executive considers the Group to be in a position to start these urgent repairs in the summer.

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities if the group income and fundraising activities fall. The Group Executive Committee regularly reviews cash balances to ensure sufficient funds are held. Following damage to the Hut Roof during 2017 the repair work showed that Group will likely have to replace the roof sometime in the next year and the Reserves have been increased to cover this expense. Progress on this is covered in the Financial Review section of the report. The accounts show (on page 4) a separate reserve for the Roof Replacement Fund, with other funds being represented by a General Fund.

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

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.

Serious Incidents

There were no serious incidents reportable to the Charity Commission during the financial year that should have been reported to the Commission but were not.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group has in place a system of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement and loss that are proportionate to the size of the Group. These include 2 signatories being required for all payments and insurance policies to ensure insurable risks are covered. As members of The Scout Association and Girl Guiding UK the Group is covered by accident insurance for the relative activities under those associations and the Executive Committee have taken out additional insurance, such as building and contents insurance for the Group HQ, where appropriate.

The Trustees Report, Accounts and accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 9 July 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Nicola Wells
Group Scout Leader

Phillip Coates
Group Chairman

Colin Davison
Group Treasurer

1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group

Receipts and Payments Summary for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
Total Receipts for the year	40,331	23,458
Total Payments for the year	(8,823)	(22,425)
Net Receipts (Payments) for the year	31,508	1,033
Cash, Bank and similar funds b/fwd	26,151	25,118
Cash, Bank and similar funds c/fwd	£57,659	£26,151

Represented By:

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
General Fund		
Opening Balance for the year	17,061	16,994
Net Receipts (Payments) for the year	31,508	1,033
Transferred from / (to) Roof Replacement Fund	(27,492)	(966)
Closing Balance for the year	21,077	17,061
Roof Replacement Fund		
Opening Balance for the year	9,090	8,124
Transferred from / (to) General Fund	27,492	966
Closing Balance for the year	36,582	9,090
Cash, Bank and similar funds c/fwd	£57,659	£26,151

Of the Roof Replacement Fund £20,241 was received from St. Albans District Council as part COVID Support Grants, the use of which is not restricted. The remaining balance of £16,341 represents restricted funds donated or raised specifically for the Roof Fund.

**1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group
Receipts for the Year Ended 31st March 2021**

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
Membership Subs	13,460	15,189
Less: Paid	(7,822)	(8,860)
	5,638	6,329
Activities and Camps		
Activities	380	3,290
Camps	140	6,276
	520	9,566
Investment Income	182	174
Donations/Grants	26,709	3,040
Fund Raising (Gross)	4,951	1,630
Income Tax Recovered	1,771	1,999
Sundry Receipts		
Mini Bus	0	0
Brownies and Explorers Hut Use	560	720
Miscellaneous/Telephone	0	0
	560	720
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£40,331	£23,458

**1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group
Payments for the Year Ended 31st March 2021**

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
Premises		
Telephone	170	168
Light & Heat	1,856	992
Insurance	2,236	3,156
Repairs & Renewals	983	926
Fire Protection, Cleaning, Other	823	1,241
	6,068	6,483
Activities and Camps		
Activities	1,387	7,054
Camps		3,822
Mini Bus	714	679
	2,101	11,555
Donations/Grants	0	0
Fund Raising Expenses	0	1,176
Administration Expenses	23	35
Trustee Expenses	0	0
Purchase of Capital Equipment	258	1,606
Badges & Clothing	373	1,570
Sundry Payments	0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£8,823	£22,425

1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group
Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st March 2021

	Current Year (£)	Previous Year (£)
MONETARY ASSETS: Cash, bank and similar funds		
Bank Current Account(s)	14,909	3,753
NS&I Investment Account (Reserve)	42,096	21,914
Cash in hand	654	484
	57,659	26,151
Tax Claim for Year Ending 5th April 2021	595	614
	£58,254	£26,765
NON-MONETARY ASSETS: Assets for Charity's own use		
Badge Stock	0	0
Land and buildings	340,000	340,000
Motor vehicles	2,100	2,500
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc.	16,000	16,000
	£358,500	£358,500
LIABILITIES: Those due within one year	0	0
LIABILITIES: Those payable after one year	0	0
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS	0	0

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2021 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

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 commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of 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 next statement.

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 Act

have not been met or

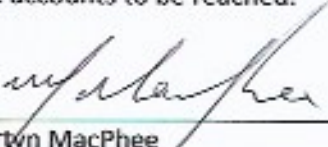
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature:

Name:

Qualification:

Address


Martyn MacPhee

Chartered Accountant

103 Stanley Avenue, Chiswell Green,
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Date:

8 July 2021