

1ST WELWYN SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 302603

Details

Other names 1ST WELWYN BOY SCOUT GROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1967-05-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHEIVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL,INTELLECTUAL SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS, AS INDIVIDUALS,AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL,NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES.

Activities: Providing scouting activities to young people

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WELWYN
- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£114,021	£98,763	-	-
2024-12-31	£72,652	£57,490	-	-
2023-12-31	£47,775	£32,465	-	-
2022-12-31	£43,597	£30,569	-	-
2021-12-31	£31,292	£25,789	-	-
2020-12-31	£26,190	£13,292	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Herbert Trotter	Chair	2014-01-04
Anthony Worsley		2022-07-01
Isabel Worsley		2023-09-01
Leon Stoner		2024-01-01
Michael Joseph Gray		2015-01-20

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Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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 to end date

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

1st Welwyn Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

Scout Hut						
Lockley's Drive Car Park, Lockley's Drive						
Welwyn , Hertfordshire						
Postcode <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; border-collapse: collapse;"><tr><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">A</td><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">L</td><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">6</td><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">9</td><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">N</td><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">T</td></tr></table>	A	L	6	9	N	T
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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)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Andrew Trotter	Chair	
2	Leon Stoner	Treasurer	
3	Tony Worsley	Lead Volunteer	
4	Mike Gray	Trustee	
5	Isabel Worsley	Trustee	

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

The Group governing documents are those of the 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 of The Scout Association.
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(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
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(e.g. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
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(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

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

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and currently 3 Trustees (including 1 Ex Officio Trustee), and meets every 4 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	<p>Risk and Internal Control The Group Trustee Board 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:</p> <p>Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss. An annual premises audit and fire risk assessment is maintained.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 Board keeps the value of subscriptions under review.</p> <p>Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer all governance and activity of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.</p> <p>Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 5 to 14. If there was a</p>

reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Overall Risk and Internal Control The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Loss of funds due to fraudulent withdrawal: No single person has the authority to move monies or pay monies to other accounts or third parties. Credit cards have a small limit to minimise risk should this occur.

Electrical testing of building fixed wiring and electrical equipment - facilities controls in place.

Section C	Objectives and activities
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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Purpose of Scouting
Scouting exists 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 co-operate 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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Beaver, Cub and Scout Sections meetings each week in term time plus weekend and week camps. Completion of up to 50 activity badges per section. DoE and/or Chief Scout Award long term project badges.

Additional details of the objectives and activities

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

Policy on grant making: No grants are made by the Group.

Contribution made by volunteers: All governance and activities of the group are run by volunteers.

Policy on investments: The Group's expenditure is exclusively to meet section expenses, equipment renewal and hut running costs, including reserves for major repairs, to facilitate section meetings and camps for all age groups from 5-14 years.

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

1. We have shifted to taking payments through our database OSM which will allow automated reporting of payments for subs, camps, etc far more easily, and recovery of Gift Aid from HMRC

2. 7 camps, a record, including the Scouts trip to Switzerland to an international site visited by Groups from all over the world. All sections had at least 2 camps available to them.

3. Sign off of our Annual Accounts with no comments or suggestions for improvement from the Independent Examiner

4. No notifiable incidents

5. Record amounts raised by the fund raising team and from external tenants to add to the Equipment and Hut Refurbishment Fund

Section E

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

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. This includes reserves to meet major repairs and renewals on the Scout Hut. The Group Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £15k.

Financial Review:

- 1. Income £72,652
- 2. Expenditure £57,490
- 3. Net receipts £15,162
- 4. Funds in gold account £72,995
 - a. Funds from hall hire and duck race go in to gold account for hall upkeep/renovations and emergency repairs
 - b. This year we have transferred £60,000 into a high interest 2 year fixed rate bond
- 5. Key principle is that money from subs and gift aid should cover the basic running costs of the group
 - a. Good news is that we achieved that in 2024
 - b. However due to increase rates and utility bills we may need to increase subs in 2026
- 6. Large increase in fund raising in 2024 to offset the cost of the Scout trip to Kandersteg
- 7. Gift aid allows us to collect 25p for every one pound of subs from the government at no cost to you
 - a. So if you haven't already, please register for gift aid via OSM

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

None

The principal sources of funds are: subs, fundraising, and tenant income.

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in mainstream banks or building societies including fixed term bonds.

Investment Policy and objectives: The Group Trustee Board 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 Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements of the Group.

Section F

Other Optional Information


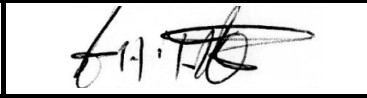
Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

NorJam summer camp. Fund Raising already in place.

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Tony Worsley	Andy Trotter
Position	Group Lead Volunteer	Group Chair
Date	2 7 0 7 2 5	

1st Welwyn Scout Group (Reg Charity 302603)
Receipts and Payments for year ending 2024

YE 31.12.24			YE 31.12.23	
Receipts	Payments		Receipts	Payments
£17,414	£5,375	Subscriptions	£14,944	£5,145
£3,675	£0	GiftAid	£3,803	£0
£31,035	£40,402	Camps/Activities	£18,361	£15,976
£1,000	£0	Donations/Grants	£0	£0
£10,774	£694	Fundraising	£3,085	£736
£1,575	£60	Bank Int / Charges	£1,124	£60
£0	£2,192	Utilities	£0	£740
£7,123	£82	Hall Hire	£6,229	£0
£0	£2,995	Maintenance	£186	£4,009
£0	£1,208	Insurance	£0	£1,152
£9	£3,525	Section Expenditure	£43	£3,737
£47	£957	Equipment	£0	£910
<hr/>	<hr/>	Totals	<hr/>	<hr/>
£72,652	£57,490		£47,775	£32,465
Net receipts	£15,162		Net receipts	£15,311

Funds Held

YE 31.12.24

CAF Cash	£14,924
CAF Gold	£72,995
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	£87,919
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Bank movement	£15,976
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Income adjustments	£7,127
Costs adjustments	-£7,941
Bank and adjustments	£15,162

Funds Held

YE 31.12.23

CAF Cash	£10,485
CAF Gold	£61,458
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	£71,943
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Bank movement	£10,468
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Income adjustments	-£4,713
Costs adjustments	£9,555
Bank and adjustments	£15,311

Income adjustments

Gift Aid Nov-Dec23	-£521	A
Gift Aid Jan-Dec24	£3,676	B
Hire income	-£285	C
Deposits for SC25	£4,257	D
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	£7,127	

Costs adjustments

0	£0	E
0	£0	F
Activities	£7,941	G
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	£7,941	

Income adjustments

Gift Aid Nov-Dec22	£0	A
Gift Aid Nov-Dec23	£521	B
Hire income	-£543	C
Deposits for SC25	-£4,257	D
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	-£4,279	

Costs adjustments

0	£0	E
0	£0	F
Activities	-£8,439	G
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	-£8,439	

England & Wales

Template 1: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Welwyn / Mid Herts District

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Welwyn / Mid Herts District for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Welwyn / Mid Herts District 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 1st Welwyn / Mid Herts District 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 1st Welwyn / Mid Herts District 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:

PIPPA BADDELEY

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

Address:

38 MIMRAM ROAD WELWYN

Date:

15 June 2025

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Receipts and Payments for year ending 2023

YE 31.12.23			YE 31.12.22	
Receipts	Payments		Receipts	Payments
£14,944	£5,145	Subscriptions	£15,771	£5,148
£3,803	£0	GiftAid	£3,648	£0
£18,361	£15,976	Camps/Activities	£14,631	£14,571
£0	£0	Donations/Grants	£220	£250
£3,085	£736	Fundraising	£2,801	£160
£1,124	£60	Bank Int / Charges	£178	£84
£0	£740	Utilities	£0	£981
£6,229	£0	Hall Hire	£6,212	£0
£186	£4,009	Maintenance	£0	£5,732
£0	£1,152	Insurance	£0	£1,018
£43	£3,737	Section Expenditure	£135	£2,051
£0	£910	Equipment	£0	£574
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£47,775	£32,465		£43,597	£30,569
Net receipts	£15,311		Net receipts	£13,027

Funds Held

YE 31.12.23

CAF Cash	£10,485
CAF Gold	£61,458
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	£71,943
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Bank movement	£10,468
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Income adjustments	£-4,713
Costs adjustments	£9,555
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Bank and adjustments	£15,311

Funds Held

YE 31.12.22

CAF Cash	£18,122
CAF Gold	£43,352
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	£61,475
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Bank movement	£13,074
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Income adjustments	£-579
Costs adjustments	£531
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	£13,027

Income adjustments

Gift Aid Nov-Dec22	-£434	<i>A</i>
Gift Aid Nov-Dec23	£521	<i>B</i>
Hire income	-£543	<i>C</i>
Deposits for SC25	-£4,257	<i>D</i>
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	£-4,713	

Costs adjustments

Kitchen door replacement	-£489	<i>E</i>
Electricity cost	-£627	<i>F</i>
Activities	-£8,439	<i>G</i>
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	£-9,555	

Income adjustments

Gift Aid Oct-Dec21	-£776
Gift Aid Nov-Dec22	£434
Parich Council - sewer cc	-£419
Hire income	£183
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	£-579

Costs adjustments

Wiring work	-£1,648
Kitchen door replacemen	£489
Electricity cost	£627
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	£-531

Commentary for year ending 31.12.23

Subscriptions	Capitation payment for the year £4,680. Average number of subscription payments per month 67.
GiftAid	Gift Aid claimed on all subscriptions where Gift Aid Forms received.
Camps/Activities	Expenditure on camps was covered by additional charges per camp.
Fundraising	Total gross receipts from Village Day Duck Race £3,069
Bank Int / Charges	CAF Reserve account interest for the year - £1,105
Utilities	Water and electricity charges for the year.
Hall Hire	Income from hiring the hall (managed by Ann Power) in line with previous year at £6,229
Maintenance	Includes: cleaning costs of £1,152 and replacement toilet cost of £894
Insurance	We renewed our insurance policies with Unity at a cost of £1,152
Section Expenditure	Leaders costs for session activities, badges etc.
Equipment	Equipment purchased for camps: tents, trollyes and an oven.
Income adjustments	Includes deposit payments for the 2024 Scout Camp of £4.3k.
Costs adjustments	Includes payments made for future camps of £8.4k.

	Inc	Pay
1 Subscriptions	14,944.00	5,145.00
2		
3 GiftAid	3,715.90	
4		
5 Camps/Activities	22,618.10	24,414.72
6		
7 Donations/Grants	0.00	0.00
8		
9 Fundraising	3,085.28	735.87
10		
11 Interest	1,124.07	60.00
12		
13 Utilities	0.00	1,367.77
14		
15 Rent	6,771.50	0.00
16		
17 Maintenance	186.00	4,497.38
18		
19 Insurance	0.00	1,151.94
20		
21 Hut Refurbishment		
22		
23 Section Expenditure	43.02	3,736.54
24		
25 Re-equipment	0.00	910.27
	<u>52,487.87</u>	<u>42,019.49</u>
	47,775.37	32,464.61
	<u>4,712.50</u>	<u>9,554.88</u>
Adjustments 2023		
Adjustments 2021	-5,233.00	488.78
Bank	1,124.07	
Variance	<u>603.57</u>	<u>9,066.10</u>

Row	Lal	Exp	Inc
Act	-24,414.72	22,618.10	
Bank	-17,060.00	18.89	
Don		0.00	
Equip	-910.27	0.00	
Exp	-3,736.54	43.02	
Fund	-735.87	3,085.28	
Gift Aid		3,715.90	
Hire		6,771.50	
Insure	-1,151.94	0.00	
Maint	-4,497.38	186.00	
Subs	-5,145.00	14,944.00	
Util	-1,367.77	0.00	
Grand T	###	###	###

Reserve Account		
	-7,636.80	
	17,000.00	
	9,363.20	
Interest	161.06	3/27/2023
	216.20	6/26/2023
	347.24	9/26/2023
	380.68	12/26/2023
	<u>1,105.18</u>	

Grand Total

-1,796.62
-17,041.11
0.00
-910.27
-3,693.52
2,349.41
3,715.90
6,771.50
-1,151.94
-4,311.38
9,799.00
-1,367.77

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Bank 26.1.24

-24,414.72 22,618.10 -1,796.62
-17,060.00 18.89 -17,041.11
0.00 0.00
-910.27 0.00 -910.27
-3,736.54 43.02 -3,693.52
-735.87 3,085.28 2,349.41
3,715.90 3,715.90
6,771.50 6,771.50
-1,151.94 0.00 -1,151.94
-4,497.38 186.00 -4,311.38
-5,145.00 14,944.00 9,799.00
-1,367.77 0.00 -1,367.77

-59,019.49 51,382.69 -7,636.80

Summarised Income / Costs 2023

	<u>£k</u>	<u>£k</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Subscriptions	9.8	
GiftAid	3.0	
		<u>12.8</u>
<u>Costs</u>		
Utilities	-0.7	
Maintenance	-3.8	
Insurance	-1.2	
Section Expenditure	-3.7	
Equipment	-0.9	
		<u>-10.3</u>
<u>Net group income</u>		<u>2.5</u>
Camps/Activities	2.4	
Donations/Grants	0.0	
Bank Int / Charges	1.1	
Fundraising	3.1	
Hall Hire	6.2	
		<u>12.8</u>
<u>Total Income</u>		<u>15.3</u>

Annual Capitation

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Breakdown by section						
Beavers	15	16	18	17		
Cubs	17	20	32	34		
Scouts	13	6	10	21		
	45	42	60	72	74	74
	46.00	48.50	49.00	51.50	52.50	60.00
		5.4%	1.0%	5.1%	1.9%	14.3%
	2,070.00	2,037.00	2,940.00	3,708.00	3,885.00	4,440.00

2022 2023

<u>88</u>	<u>78</u>
58.50	60.00
-2.5%	2.6%
<u>5,148.00</u>	<u>4,680.00</u>

Income adjustments

Gift Aid Nov-Dec22	-£434	A	Monkey Music Nov/Dec22	-£120	C1
Gift Aid Nov-Dec23	£521	B	Daisy Foundation Nov/Dec22	-£213	C2
Hire income	-£543	C	Daisy Foundation Apr/May22	-£270	C3
Deposits for SC24	-£4,257	D	Pilates Nov/Dec22	-£120	C4
			Messy Makeers Oct/Dec23	£180	C5
	<u>-£4,713</u>			<u>-£543</u>	C

Costs adjustments

Kitchen door replacement	-£489	E	Norjam camp 2025	-£550	G1
Electricity cost	-£627	F	Brenscombe camp 2024	-£360	G2
Acivities	-£8,439	G	Scouts camp 2024 - flights	-£5,400	G3
			Scouts camp 2024 - Insurance	-£1,305	G4
	<u>-£9,555</u>		Scouts camp 2024 - camp costs	-£876	G5
			Tolmers 2023	£53	G6
				<u>-£8,439</u>	G

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Receipts and Payments for year ending 2022

YE 31.12.22			YE 31/12/2021	
Receipts	Payments		Receipts	Payments
£15,771	£5,148	Subscriptions	£12,648	£4,440
£3,648	£0	GiftAid	£3,827	£0
£14,631	£14,571	Camps/Activities	£7,072	£7,815
£220	£250	Donations/Grants	£0	£0
£2,801	£160	Fundraising	£2,774	£1,130
£178	£84	Bank Int / Charges	£4	£96
£0	£981	Utilities	£210	£541
£6,212	£0	Hall Hire	£3,998	£305
£0	£5,732	Maintenance	£420	£5,282
£0	£1,018	Insurance	£0	£981
£135	£2,051	Section Expenditure	£247	£3,090
£0	£574	Equipment	£93	£2,109
<hr/>	<hr/>	Totals	<hr/>	<hr/>
£43,597	£30,569		£31,292	£25,789
Net receipts	£13,027		Net receipts	£5,504

Funds Held

	YE 31.12.22		YE 31/12/2021
CAF Cash	£18,122	CAF Cash	£5,210
CAF Gold	£43,352	CAF Gold	£43,187
Virgin	£0	Virgin	£3
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	£61,475		£48,400
Bank movement	<hr/>		<hr/>
	£13,074		£7,908
Income adjustments	-£579		£123
Costs adjustments	£531		-£2,528
Bank and adjustments	£13,027		£5,504

Income adjustments

Gift Aid Oct-Dec21	-£776	A	Gift Aid for 2021 received in 2022
Gift Aid Nov-Dec22	£434	B	Gift Aid for 2022 received in 2023
Parich Council - sewer cost	-£419	C	Contribution towards 2021 sewer costs
Hire income	£183	D	Adjustment between years
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	-£579		

Costs adjustments

Wiring work	-£1,648	E	Costs committed in 2021, paid in 2022
Kitchen door replacement	£489	F	Invoices received in 2022
Electricity cost	£627	G	2022 costs invoiced in 2023
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	-£531		

1st Welwyn Scout Group (Reg Charity 302603)
Receipts and Payments for year ending 31.12.21

YE 31/12/2021			YE 31/12/2020	
Receipts	Payments		Receipts	Payments
£12,648	£4,440	Subscriptions	£9,650	£3,981
£3,827	£0	GiftAid	£2,213	£0
£7,072	£7,815	Camps/Activities	£240	£589
£0	£0	Donations/Grants	£12,200	£0
£2,774	£1,130	Fundraising	£0	£12
£4	£96	Bank Int / Charges	£23	£60
£210	£541	Utilities	£0	£2,445
£3,998	£305	Hall Hire	£1,487	£0
£420	£5,282	Maintenance	£0	£2,794
£0	£981	Insurance	£0	£951
£247	£3,090	Section Expenditure	£377	£1,950
£93	£2,109	Equipment	£0	£510
<hr/>	<hr/>	Totals	<hr/>	<hr/>
£31,292	£25,789		£26,190	£13,292
Net receipts	£5,504		Net receipts	£12,898

Funds Held

	YE 31/12/2021
CAF Cash	£5,210
CAF Gold	£43,187
Virgin	£3
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Bank movement	£7,908
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Income adjustments	£123
Costs adjustments	-£2,528
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Bank and adjustments	£5,504

Funds Held

	YE 31/12/2020
CAF Cash	£5,305
CAF Gold	£35,184
Virgin	£3
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	£40,492
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	£11,354
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	£664
	£880
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	£12,898

Date

Group Scout Leader
Treasurer

Andy Trotter
Martin Hockaday

Examiner

1st Welwyn Scout Group (Reg Charity 302603)
Receipts and Payments for year ending 31.12.19

YE 31/12/2019			YE 31/12/2018	
Receipts	Payments		Receipts	Payments
£12,136	£3,708	Subscriptions	£10,858	£2,955
£2,976	£0	GiftAid	£2,268	£0
£5,811	£7,617	Camps/Activities	£5,336	£5,122
£700	£250	Donations/Grants	£1,155	£0
£1,751	£12	Fundraising	£1,110	£32
£33	£60	Bank Int / Charges	£11	£60
£0	£696	Utilities	£75	£1,259
£2,954	£0	Hall Hire	£3,615	£94
£0	£4,384	Maintenance	£0	£1,958
£0	£902	Insurance	£0	£877
£58	£3,719	Section Expenditure	£310	£4,066
£0	£816	Equipment	£0	£3,040
<hr/> £26,419	<hr/> £22,163	Totals	<hr/> £24,738	<hr/> £19,462
Net receipts	£4,256		Net receipts	£5,276

Funds Held	YE 31/12/2019	Funds Held	YE 31/12/2018
CAF Cash	£3,974	CAF Cash	£6,783
CAF Gold	£25,161	CAF Gold	£20,129
Virgin	£3	Virgin	£3
	<hr/> £29,138		<hr/> £26,914
Bank movement	<hr/> £2,224		<hr/> £6,995
Accrued Income	£563		-£250
Costs accrued	£1,469		-£1,469
Bank and accruals	£4,256		£5,276



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/1/23
end date

Period start date To 31/12/23

Period

Charity name: 1st Welwyn Scout Group

Charity registration number: 302603

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document		Provide Scout Association training to youngsters of all sexes, ethnicities and faiths, or no faith
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Beaver, cub, and scout section meetings each week in term time, plus weekend and week camps. Leading to completion of up to 50 activity badges per section, DoE and/or Chief Scout Award long term project badges
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes, the Trustees have had such regard

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No grants are made by the Group.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Group's expenditure is exclusively to meet section expenses, equipment renewal and hut running costs to facilitate section meetings and camps for all age groups from 5-13 years
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Running section meetings and camps. Maintenance of the hut and equipment.
Other		One volunteer handles hut external letting earning circa £5-6k per annum

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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The Group has grown from 18 boys and girls in 2014 when the Group restarted after a major hut refurbishment following temporary closure in 2012, to 80-90 young people meeting during 2023.</p> <p>Section meetings take place in the hut, a nearby 40-acre County Scouts woodland site, and at off site canoeing, skiing, and other outdoor pursuit centres, plus 6 camps in Hertfordshire, Brownsea Island near Poole, and the Peak District</p> <p>The hut is also used by Guide Rainbow and Brownie packs plus 6 local community groups ranging from yoga, artist workshops, to baby and toddler groups</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Each section has weekly activities that earn youngsters' individual badges, and Beaver (Bronze), cubs (Silver), and scouts (Gold) Chief Scout Awards
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	The hut lettings bring in around £5-6k, and the annual Duck Race around £2.5k per annum, which meet hut and equipment repairs, and add to our reserves to meet future major refurbishments. The 2013/4 refit cost circa £140k, probably not required again for 20-25 years Equipment renewals will total £20k or so over a 10-year period
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	£70k Reserves are held in Charity Aid Fund Bank accounts, but we will be looking to investing £50k in longer term investment accounts with major banks now interest rates have risen
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The financial position is sound. The day to day running costs of the Group is met each year by subs and gift aid reclaims. The tenant income and fund raising is used for maintenance and to build up reserves (currently £70k) to meet future major repairs and renewals during the remaining 127 years on our lease
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	As above to meet future major repairs and renewals. The hut is in excellent condition at present, but will require major refits on more than one occasion over 127 years, so funds are being accumulated in advance of such a need
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£70k
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No such concerns, our sections are full and we have a substantial waiting list. We are a Foundation Group, existing since scouting started in 1908, and have a lease for another 127 years on our hut, with no rent reviews at £89 per annum

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Subs, gift aid, tenant income and fundraising via an annual duck race and various ad hoc events e.g., Christmas Market, Race Nights, etc
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Now interest rates are material we will invest some of our reserves in 1 or 2 year fixed interest accounts with substantial banks, but keeping at least £20k in cash to meet any unexpected expenses or equipment loss not covered by our insurance. Both hut and equipment are insured through the national Scout insurance company Unity, so any such costs should be less than that reserve figure
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	A lack of adult leaders, particularly ladies. At present we have a dozen well qualified adult leaders, but not all can attend every meeting. We have 20 or more security cleared parent helpers for meetings and camps, but the section programmes and camps are ambitious, and getting adult recruits is an ongoing challenge
Other		

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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	National Scout Policy and Rules, and Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g., unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated charity
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are recruited principally by the existing Group Scout Leader and Chair of the Board from scout parents, retired scouters, local school governors, and people on local fund raising or similar community bodies. Trustees are elected or re elected at the Annual General Meeting called the Scout Council of all parents, leaders, and trustee board members

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees are required to complete 5 on line national scout training modules. One of which covers trustee responsibilities, others cover safeguarding, GDPR, scout organisation and safety. They are given an induction meeting with the Chaiman and Group Scout Leader to ensure their suitability to support the Group
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Follows national scout guidelines. Presently there are 5 members of the Trustee Board, the Group Scout Leader, Chair of the Trustee Board, an NHS mental health team leader who acts as secretary, a qualified treasurer and the Group's quarter master. Above the Group is a District Trustee Board, and County, Regional and National mirror image bodies
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Leader meetings pre date the Trustee Meetings, so the operational needs of the sections are advised for the Board to discuss and resource. Safeguarding and health and safety issues are jointly dealt with between the Board and Leaders meetings
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	1 st Welwyn Scout Group
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	302603

Charity's principal address	Scout Hut, Lockley's Drive car park, Lockleys Drive, Welwyn, Hertfordshire, AL6 9NT

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Anthony Worsley Group Scout Leader. Andrew Trotter Group Chairman

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

None

Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Anthony Worsley	Group Scout Leader
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Andrew Trotter	Group Chairman
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Date

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England & Wales

Template 1: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Welwyn / Mid Herts District

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Welwyn / Mid Herts District for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Welwyn / Mid Herts District 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 1st Welwyn / Mid Herts District 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.

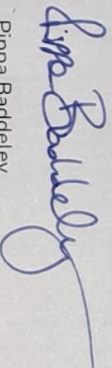
Independent examiner's statement

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 1st Welwyn / Mid Herts District 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: Pippa Baddeley

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): Production Accountant, BBC Studios Productions

Address: 38 Mimram Road, Welwyn, Herts AL6 9HA

Date: 11 July 24

1ST WELWYN SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 302603

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/1/22 Period start date To 31/12/22 Period end date

Charity name: 1st Welwyn Scout Group

Charity registration number: 302603

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	SORP reference	
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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes, the Trustees have had such regard

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Additional information (optional)

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	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No grants are made by the Group. We part funded a defibrillator installed in adjoining council offices (£250)
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The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Follows national scout guidelines. Presently there are 10 members of the Trustee Board, of which three are parents of youngsters in the three sections, a qualified treasurer, secretary Group Scout Leader and Chairman, plus one that deals with hut maintenance and lastly a person managing the tenants. Leaders choose not to attend as the Group Scout Leader meets separately with them but are invited to the meetings as required. Above the Group is a District Trustee Board, and County, Regional and National mirror image bodies
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Leader meetings which pre date the Trustee Meetings, so the operational needs of the sections are advised for the Board to discuss and resource. Safeguarding and health and safety issues are jointly dealt with between the Board and Leaders meetings
Other		

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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	1 st Welwyn Scout Group
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Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	302603
Charity's principal address	Scout Hut, Lockley's Drive car park, Lockleys Drive, Welwyn, Hertfordshire, AL6 9NT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Andrew Trotter	Chairman		Group Scout Leader
2	Tony Worsley	Group Scout Leader		District Commissioner
3	Michael Gray	Quarter Master/former leader		Group Scout Council
4	Julie Long	Former leader		Group Scout Council
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

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Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Anthony Worsley Group Scout Leader. Andrew Trotter Group Chairman

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

None

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Anthony Worsley	Group Scout Leader
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Andrew Trotter	Group Chairman

Date

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1st Welwyn Scout Group (Reg Charity 302603)
Receipts and Payments for year ending 2022

YE 31.12.22			YE 31/12/2021	
Receipts	Payments		Receipts	Payments
£15,771	£5,148	Subscriptions	£12,648	£4,440
£3,648	£0	GiftAid	£3,827	£0
£14,631	£14,571	Camps/Activities	£7,072	£7,815
£220	£250	Donations/Grants	£0	£0
£2,801	£160	Fundraising	£2,774	£1,130
£178	£84	Bank Int / Charges	£4	£96
£0	£981	Utilities	£210	£541
£6,212	£0	Hall Hire	£3,998	£305
£0	£5,732	Maintenance	£420	£5,282
£0	£1,018	Insurance	£0	£981
£135	£2,051	Section Expenditure	£247	£3,090
£0	£574	Equipment	£93	£2,109
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£43,597	£30,569		£31,292	£25,789
Net receipts	£13,027		Net receipts	£5,504

Funds Held

	YE 31.12.22
CAF Cash	£18,122
CAF Gold	£43,352
Virgin	£0
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	£61,475
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Bank movement	£13,074
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Income adjustments	-£579
Costs adjustments	£531
Bank and adjustments	£13,027

Funds Held

	YE 31/12/2021
CAF Cash	£5,210
CAF Gold	£43,187
Virgin	£3
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	-£2,528
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	£5,504

Date

20-10-23

Group Scout Leader
Treasurer

Andy Trotter
Martin Hockaday

M. Hockaday

Examiner

Mairi Watts

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report on:

1st Welwyn Scouts Group

Charity Number - 302603

Accounts for the year ended:

31st December 2022

Basis of independent examiner's statement

I report in respect of my examination of the charities accounts for the year ending 31st December 2022.

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 that the accounts are not a true representation of the financial performance of the charity for the year.

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: M WATTS

Name: MARI WATTS

Address: 25 POYNDERS MEADOW, CODICOTE, SG4 8UJ

Date: 17 OCT 2023

1ST WELWYN SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 302603

Accounts

1st Welwyn Scout Group 2021. Report on Activity

A very difficult Covid Year

Covid

The year was dominated by problems arising from the need to protect all Group members from the risk of Covid infection

The Scout Association agreed with Government when meetings could take place, under what safety provisions and in what locations

The leadership team did a fantastic job, holding virtual or face to face meetings when ever they were allowed to do so

The hut was made Covid compliant in 2020, and those provisions also worked throughout 2021, with hand sanitizers, hands free door openers, extra wash stations and bins, signage about keeping your distance, one-way systems, and asking parents not to enter the hut, but drop and pick up youngsters outside the hut

All of these precautions meant that infections were kept to a minimum and all meetings that could take place did so

Camps/Harmer Green

Camps were held at Brownsea Island (Cubs), Hoddersdon (Scouts) and extensive use was made of the local County camp site at Harmer Green for all three sections. We felt that was essential as outdoor meetings were deemed much safer than within the confines of our small hut

Harmer Green was used almost every week by one section or another, despite Herts County Scouts banning the use of the access road and toilets due to defects with both unrelated to Covid. Leaders bought carts to pull equipment to site via footpaths or via adjoining owners tracks through their forest. It also meant that meetings lost 30-40 minutes of their time, due to the need to walk youngsters in from adjoining roads outside the site.

Offers by us to try to fix the defects were declined for some reason by County, very frustrating, and it appears clear that the site will be given up in 12-18 months' time when a lease break falls due on the site. We will look for local land/woodland to replace HG if the lease is terminated by County in 2022/3.

Section numbers

Membership has increased during the year, almost certainly because parents saw the value of the creative way leaders kept meetings going, despite their own work and family commitments

Beavers (24), cubs (31) and scouts (36)

Finances

Virtually all parents kept paying their subs, despite the financial difficulties many were facing due to losing their jobs or being laid off on 80% of full pay due to the Government requirement not to attend work at times during the year

No fund raising was possible during Welwyn Week in June, which was cancelled. Fortunately, we were invited by the Festival to run a Duck Race in September, which raised over £2,000, 50% of which we donated to Festival charities. The Festival also ran a Christmas Market, and due to a generous donation of books, jig saws and other things by an Executive Committee member, Mr Richard Tucker, over £600 was made in sales, with surplus stock still available for sale in 2022.

Maintenance

Work on the hut to comply with Covid cost £900, and work to make the electrical system compliant with a statutory 5 year certification and a decision to install LED lighting in the hall, cost another £1500. We need the electricity supplier to repair his installation, which we are chasing them to carry out

Our sewers backed up twice in the middle of the year. A survey found a break outside our boundary in Titus Yard and we are chasing Thames Water to carry out the necessary repair, enlisting the help of our MP if they do not respond

On the embankment between the hut and the Parish Centre, trees and bushes blocked gutters and caused water ingress leading to the £140k refit in 2013/4. We have established that to prevent a recurrence of those problems at some time in the remaining 125 years or so of our lease, the embankment should be planted with dense close low growing bushes. We will aim have this carried out in 2022.

Subs increase

Overall we made a loss of £138 in the year, excluding fund raising and hall hire, which are used for equipment replacement and hut renovations. This confirmed that our intention to raise subs to £20 per month per youngster from 1/1/2022 was justified. We will leave leader subs at £3 per month for their youngsters, to reflect the time spent on the Group by our leaders

7/11th WGC Group

This Group are struggling for leader numbers and to show support we are running joint activities during term time, and have invited their scout section to our 2022 scout camp in the Peak District in August 2022

Leaders/parent helpers

Our leader and Group Occasional Helper (GOH) numbers are falling, particularly when it comes time to renew DBS clearances. We recruited one retired ex scout to help in beavers, and will carry out a coordinated push to add to numbers in 2022 as all sections go to at least one camp, as those often prove a good opportunity to recruit volunteers that attend. Other options for recruitment e.g. volunteers that help in Welwyn Week fund raising events, will be also be tried

Executive member recruitment

We will seek at least one volunteer from beavers and cubs, so those sections are represented on the Committee

Reserves

Our reserves rose to £48k at the year end, a healthy position. However equipment valued at £25k needs renewal every 5-10 years, and a hut refurbishment may be needed in 15-20 year's time, and in 2013/4 that cost £140k, so carrying on building up our reserves is a prudent thing to do, rather than starting to do so when the hut is falling into disrepair.

In 2022 it is hoped hut tenant rental will approach £5k per annum, and fund raising could achieve around £3k

Summary of the year

We had hoped Covid impact would recede in 2021, this unfortunately proved to be wrong, and the whole year was plagued with restrictions on meetings and camps. However, the team showed that they were prepared to solve all those problems, and provide meetings and camps throughout, of a high standard technically, and which above all were fun!

We hope 2021 will be less impacted by Covid, and that we can recruit replacement leaders and helpers. Also, that fundraising in Welwyn Week will be possible to further build up our strong financial position

As a Foundation Group, started in 1908 when Scouting started, the Group has been resilient and has met challenges of wars and now unprecedented infectious diseases, and I am confident will continue to grow and prosper with the strong leader team and GSL Tony Worsley and Executive team we have going into the 2022 year

Andy Trotter

Group Chairman

1st Welwyn Scout Group

1st Welwyn Scout Group (Reg Charity 302603)
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YE 31/12/2021			YE 31/12/2020	
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£3,827	£0	GiftAid	£2,213	£0
£7,072	£7,815	Camps/Activities	£240	£589
£0	£0	Donations/Grants	£12,200	£0
£2,774	£1,130	Fundraising	£0	£12
£4	£96	Bank Int / Charges	£23	£60
£210	£541	Utilities	£0	£2,445
£3,998	£305	Hall Hire	£1,487	£0
£420	£5,282	Maintenance	£0	£2,794
£0	£981	Insurance	£0	£951
£247	£3,090	Section Expenditure	£377	£1,950
£93	£2,109	Equipment	£0	£510
£31,292	£25,789	Totals	£26,190	£13,292
Net receipts	£5,504		Net receipts	£12,898

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CAF Cash	£5,210
CAF Gold	£43,187
Virgin	£3
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Bank movement	£7,908
Income adjustments	£123
Costs adjustments	-£2,528
Bank and adjustments	£5,504

Funds Held

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1ST WELWYN SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 302603

Accounts

Trustees Report – 1st Welwyn Scout Group 2020

Our sections in the Group had in the order of 80 young people across beavers, cubs and scouts throughout the year, despite the very real challenges of Covid in Q2 to Q4

Also 40 or so girls meet in the hut in Rainbows and Brownies

At lockdown in March, meetings stopped for about 4 weeks whilst the Scout Association through the National Youth Counsel, agreed with Government what meetings could take place. Virtual meetings commenced in April, and apart from a brief period in September/October when face to face meetings outside the hut were allowed, the virtual meetings lasted throughout the year

Our Group Scout Leader and his team of 18 leaders are to be congratulated on this fantastic effort, despite their own work and family commitments

Finances

Opening balance in 1/2020 in all accounts with Charity Aid Bank £29,138, closing balance £40,492

No fund raising took place in Welwyn Week, when we usually raise £1800 from our Duck Race and car park manning duties, as the Week was cancelled due to Covid

Initially a number of parents took up our offer to stop paying subscriptions in March as lockdown stopped meetings, but most continued, and many of those that stopped payments, recommenced them later in the year. Overall, we lost just under £2,500, reducing income to £9,650

We also lost around £1800 in Gift Aid claims, but our treasurer still achieved a 23% recovery rate. All bar a handful of parents have now completed GA forms, so in 2021 we expect to achieve close to the 25% recovery from HMRC of our subs income

Our income from tenant lettings, which had increased substantially in Q1, fell away dramatically in Q2 to Q4, reducing income to £1500, when we expected it to achieve just short of £5,000 for the year

However we qualified for a government grant of £10,000, a local supporter gave us £1700, and the local Am/Dram Group a further £500

Premises

Following the refit in 2013/4 the HQ is in good condition, with new roof, wall insulation, new doors and windows, toilets and mains services. We are fortunate to have a committee member who attends promptly to any maintenance work as required

Covid costs

To make the HQ Covid compliant we put in hand sanitizers, extra wash stations, signage and other alterations costing in the order of £900, and as we are allowed to reuse the hut in 2021, these costs will enable sections and tenants to continue to use the property safely and in compliance with guidelines

We also completed external works for £1800 to pathways and drainage which had been omitted in 1977 when the hut was extended. The absence of those works had led to serious water ingress to the hut in the years leading up to the hut being condemned in 2012, when its use ceased for two years. During that time the £140,000 refit took place, and the path and drainage works were the last element of that refurbishment

Insurance

We continue to use the Scout Association insurance company Unity to cover the building, contents and volunteer insurances. They reduced their premium requirements when our treasurer obtained other quotations

Recruitment

We have managed to maintain our very high number of uniformed leaders at 18 plus our Group Scout Leader Tony Worsley, despite all the challenges Covid has thrown at them, and we are proud of what they have achieved. Beavers only has 3 leaders, two of whom may have to step back due to work commitments in 2021, so more recruitment, perhaps from our 32 parent Group Occasional Helpers, will be required

Fund raising

We ask parents to man fund raising activities, to build up reserves for equipment (£20,000 of which is in the stores and needs renewal every 5-10 years) and to cover capital works to the HQ. We hope to restart those activities if Covid restrictions permit, in 2021

Tenant management

We have gradually built up a wide range of mainly community based tenants

Art, yoga, baby massage, rock band, Am/Dram, and other groups

In a normal full year we hope these will bring in around £4-5,000 which adds to our equipment and building replacement funds, exceptional costs (e.g. Covid!) and special events for the Group or community.

The tenants are well managed by a committee member

Summary of the year

This has been one of the most difficult years for the country, for the community, and for the Group

I am proud to report that I think the Leaders, GSL and our committee have managed to ensure that the 80 scout section youngsters have continued to be given the chance to learn Skills for Life, despite all that has gone on

Also the 40 guide section youngsters in Rainbows and Guides have also met when their leadership rules have permitted

I am confident we will deal with what ever challenges the coming year has for us, in the same resourceful and cheerful way we have in 2020

Andy Trotter

Group Executive Chairman

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