

1ST ABBOTS LANGLEY THIRD NORTH WATFORD SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 302611

Details

Other names	1ST ABBOTS LANGLEY (44 S W HERTS) BOY SCOUT GROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1962-10-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE INSTRUCTION OF BOYS OF ALL CLASSES IN THE PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLINE LOYALTY AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

Activities: Scouting

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ABBOTS LANGLEY
- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£27,324	£33,020	-	-
2023-12-31	£28,867	£39,154	-	-
2022-12-31	£33,142	£25,431	-	-
2021-12-31	£43,093	£31,087	-	-
2020-12-31	£43,953	£15,053	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Gray	Chair	2025-06-21
Deborah Elizabeth Woodman		2025-11-01
Dr Mary Elizabeth Gillingham		2012-11-08
Richard Hall		2025-06-21

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Chairman's Report For Year Ending: 31st December 2024

Prepared by David Gray, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Membership of the Scout group continued to thrive. The section leaders worked hard to provide a varied and challenging programme for the young members.

The different sections' programmes for 2024 saw the reintroduction of the Points Competition. The young people could earn points to reflect their personal award achievements or by helping others in the group. Four young people from each of the sections were invited to attend an outing to Go Ape as a prize.

It proved not possible to fill the vacant role of Group Lead Volunteer (formerly Group Scout Master). Dani Chalk, already lead volunteer for Lake Beavers, generously agreed to become acting GLV overseeing the administration side only of running the group's sections. Dani was assisted in her role by Jack Mawhinney from Watford North District.

Difficulties continued in attracting sufficient additional adult volunteers. The Section Lead Volunteers continue to rely heavily upon the assistance of group volunteers and parents of members to support them in the running of section meetings and external activities.

Appeals continued throughout the year made to parents of the young members and also friends and supporters of the group in an attempt to fill several important vacant roles on the Trustee Board and including Group Secretary, Health & Safety Coordinator and Facilities Coordinator. The duties and



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responsibilities for these roles were covered temporarily by other members of the group's Board of Trustees.

Regular assistance was provided by members of the Albatross Explorer Section (the "Abbos"), a Scouting District entity and also from members of the adult Network section.

The Scout group's Annual General Meeting was held on 11th May 2024. Various achievement badges were presented to members and a number of long service awards presented to Leaders and other adult members of the Scout group.

The Scout group's finances were reported to be in a very good state. The cost of works and purchases that have been identified will significantly reduce the monies held by the group in the short term whilst still maintaining an adequate level of funds in reserve and in accordance with good budgeting practice.

The Scout group remains grateful to Christopher James who continued to act as the Independent Examiner of the group's Year End Financial Accounts.

The process of Transformation for Scouts first introduced during 2023 was well underway at the beginning of 2024. The group's Board of Trustees needed to review and implement changes to the structure of the group. Different Teams were set up to provide the support skill sets required to run the group.

The Events Team, led by Fiona Packman was very busy throughout the year holding the popular jumble sales, quiz nights and also entering stalls at the village carnival.



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The principal purpose of holding such events is to raise funds for the Scout group. Funding is needed to pay for the day to day running costs of HQ, such as for example, utility bills, paying business tax and insurance.

We also need to find money to maintain the HQ and to replace & improve the group's facilities. One such expenditure was the purchase of 2 new pop-up gazebos which have proved to be a great asset. They are very smart, quick to put up and take down and provide a large unobstructed covered space for camps and other events.

When announcing an upcoming fund-raising event the group will now clearly identify what any money raised is intended to be used for.

We are able to raise funds for the group in a variety of other ways. The young members contribute by payment of subscriptions. "Subs" have been kept as low as possible. This income is supplemented by the group claiming Gift Aid.

The solar panels fitted to the roof of the HQ have proved effective in reducing energy bills. The surplus energy is fed back into the electricity grid for which we receive a favourable tariff.

We hire out the hall and the group's mini bus for which reasonable charges are made.

One unforeseen expense during the year was having to repair the warm air heating system which broke down just at the beginning of the winter months. Rob Coulson was instrumental in organising quotes and overseeing the remedial work, The heating system was up and running again in time for the



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commencement of the new Spring Term Programme in the New Year 2025.

Remedial work was started on resolving the problems with the disposal of the surface water that causes the rainwater gullies to back up during heavy rainfall and could lead to flooding of external areas. Further remedial work is planned to take place during 2025.

Holding group events is also aimed at encouraging parents of the young members and also supporters of the group to attend and socialize together and hopefully to attract more volunteers to become involved in the running of the sections and the organisation of the group.

The Christingle service held at St Lawrence Church at the beginning of December was well attended by both the young members and the not so young alike.

The group is fortunate to own a minibus. Income from it over the year only just about covered the running costs but it has been decided that having the use of the vehicle outweighs the costs. Jeremy Bishop, the transport manager who has done sterling work announced he wished to pass the role on to someone else. We are currently looking for a new volunteer to take over this role.

The Scout HQ building stands empty and unused for a greater part of the week. To attract more private events we recognize that we need to improve the facilities so as to compare more favourably with other similar sized venues located in Abbots Langley.



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Sound absorbing panels have been fitted to the ceilings in the hall to reduce sound levels. This has proved very successful.

The wood block floor in the hall received further repairs.

Progress was made on finalising a scheme for replacing all of the external doors.

Members of the group's Support Team organised a base at the annual Scouts District Green Beret Competition that was held in November. Although significantly altered compared to in previous years it still presented a challenge and was by all accounts enjoyed by the young people who took part in the competition.

The family and friends of the late Rob Lambert very kindly made donations in memory of Rob who had been a long time member and active supporter of the group. The intention is to use some of the donated money to create a new award to be presented within in the group in memory of Rob.

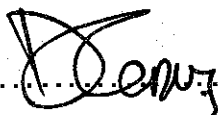
Further improvements were made to the group's web site led by Liam Goodman.

Woodsmoke, the group's regular newsletter edited by Anna Ebdon remained an essential read.

Prepared by:

David Gray Chairman, 1st Abbots Langley
(3rd North Watford) Scouts

Signature

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(Reg Charity No. 302611)

ACCOUNTS for the year ending 31st December 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

1. RECEIPTS	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Subscriptions		
River Beavers	1,860.00	1,800.00
Lake Beavers	2,034.00	2,340.00
Rainforest Cubs	2,815.25	3,204.24
Jungle Cubs	3,337.00	2,700.00
Scouts	3,980.00	3,835.00
Less: Refund for overpayment	-	-
Less: paid on to district	<u>- 6,794.50</u>	<u>- 6,222.00</u>
	7,231.75	7,657.24
Investment income		
Group	1,912.92	1,190.69
Voluntary sources		
Donations		
General donations (including equipment)	1,274.90	421.95
Pete Linskey Training Fund	-	-
Winder Climbing Wall Fund	-	-
Local authority Covid grants	-	-
Hall Hire	3,295.00	2,457.00
Minibus hire	<u>1,570.00</u>	<u>775.00</u>
	6,139.90	3,653.95
Fund raising		
Jumble Sales	4,178.05	3,920.68
Carnival	3,669.49	3,247.19
Quiz Night	924.00	-
DVD Sales	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	8,771.54	7,167.87
Activities		
River Beavers	-	385.00
Lake Beavers	30.00	1,268.50
Rainforest Cubs	-	-
Jungle Cubs	-	720.00
Scouts	<u>60.00</u>	<u>684.00</u>
	90.00	3,057.50
Miscellaneous		
Group Solar Panels	2,101.11	1,944.41
River Beavers	141.00	218.89
Lake Beavers	362.89	-
Rainforest Cubs		170.00
Jungle Cubs	4.50	6.00
Camp Profit	402.00	-
Explorers	<u>-</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	3,011.50	2,439.30
Gift Aid	-	3,219.23
Group Camp	-	-
Misc Income	166.50	481.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR YEAR	<u>27,324.11</u>	<u>28,866.78</u>

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT CONT.

2. PAYMENTS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Premises		
Rates	195.61	233.68
Repairs & Maintenance	8,936.59	15,726.80
Gas & Electricity	1,657.50	1,790.46
Telephone	958.34	452.73
Water	316.57	535.19
Insurance	1,466.33	1,748.21
	<u>13,530.94</u>	<u>20,487.07</u>
Activities		
River Beavers	284.52	1,396.94
Lake Beavers	1,068.24	2,356.61
Rainforest Cubs	1,373.44	1,101.42
Jungle Cubs	797.00	854.30
Scouts	2,176.87	2,869.86
Group	1,168.16	1,003.23
	<u>6,868.23</u>	<u>9,582.36</u>
Fund Raising expenses jumble Sales	-	173.99
Fund Raising expenses Carnival	1,772.58	978.10
Fund Raising expenses Xmas Market	-	-
Media expenses	374.25	360.70
Peter Linskey Fund - training	-	-
Winder Wall Climbing Wall Fund	-	760.95
	<u>2,146.83</u>	<u>2,273.74</u>
Administration		
Group	-	901.79
River Beavers	54.00	-
Lake Beavers	525.45	433.75
Rainforest Cubs	52.48	734.99
Jungle Cubs	319.04	-
Scouts	316.09	151.47
	<u>1,267.06</u>	<u>2,222.00</u>
Equipment		
Group	5,280.51	1,285.50
River Beavers	-	443.74
Lake Beavers	-	86.97
Rainforest Cubs	-	-
Jungle Cubs	-	693.24
Scouts	-	125.16
	<u>5,280.51</u>	<u>2,634.61</u>
Transport Expenses		
Insurance	883.78	976.67
Road Tax	325.00	295.00
Running Costs	315.05	215.61
Other Expenses	256.59	-
	<u>1,780.42</u>	<u>1,487.28</u>
Sundries		
Group	1,746.88	422.00
River Beavers	352.27	45.00
Lake Beavers	16.84	-
Rainforest Cubs	-	-
Jungle Cubs	-	-
Scouts	30.00	-
	<u>2,145.99</u>	<u>467.00</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR YEAR	<u>33,019.98</u>	<u>39,154.06</u>

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**Statement of Assets & Liabilities
at 31st December 2024**

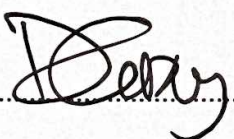
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Monetary Assets		
Current Bank account - Group	£15,009.57	£1,816.77
Pete Linskey Training Fund		
Clive Winder Wall Fund		
- River Beavers	£2,271.26	£2,724.01
- Lake Beavers	£529.06	£1,369.10
- Rainforest Cubs	£2,570.04	£2,799.21
- Jungle Cubs	£2,933.71	£2,082.25
- Scouts	£4,251.77	£4,712.71
Bank deposit accounts - Barclays Group 0.40%	£0.00	£0.00
Savings accs - Mons B S Group 1%(Incl PL & WW Funds)	£35,170.68	£53,521.61
Savings acc - Redwood Bk 90Day Group 2.95%	£21,711.59	£21,051.74
Cash in hand		£205.13
- Group		
- River Beavers	£180.46	£0.00
- Lake Beavers	£0.00	£6.10
- Rainforest Cubs	£3.73	£0.00
- Jungle Cubs	£0.00	£0.00
- Scouts	£30.87	£69.98
- Bus fund	£101.22	£101.22
	<u>£84,763.96</u>	<u>£90,459.83</u>
Non monetary assets (for charities own use)		
Land and buildings - Scout HQ - 21-23 Langley Road, Abbots Langley WD5 0EH		
Transport - Minibus and Trailers		
Fixtures and fittings in Scout HQ		
Scouting Equipment		
Liabilities	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY
FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Total receipts for the year (see page 1)	£27,324.11	£28,866.78
Total payments for the year (see page 2)	£33,019.98	£39,154.06
Net receipts (payments) for the year	<u>-£5,695.87</u>	<u>-£10,287.28</u>
Cash & bank funds brought forward	£90,459.83	£100,747.11
Cash & bank funds carried forward	<u>£84,763.96</u>	<u>£90,459.83</u>

The above account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees

on 31 OCT 2025 and signed on their behalf by

 (Chair)



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

1st Abbots Langley (3rd North Watford) Scout Group

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

302611

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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

Signed:

Date:

14 Oct 2025

Name:

Christopher Howard James

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Chartered Accountant – ICAEW – member 9033646

Address:

17 Little How Croft, Abbots Langley, Hertfordshire, WD5 0BR

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No matters to disclose.

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Chairman's Report – For Year Ending 31st December 2023

Membership of the Scout Group is thriving. Each of the sections has a full complement of boys and girls. The section leaders, now referred to, post "Transformation" as Section Lead Volunteers continue to provide a varied and challenging programme for the young members.

The Scout Group continues to attract fresh enquiries for joining the Group's membership. Unfortunately, we do not have enough adult volunteers to support any increase in current numbers and to satisfy demand.

We have not been able to attract additional adult volunteers to help in the running of the Scout Group or to assist the Section Lead Volunteers in running their programmes. We have had to rely upon assistance provided by members of the former Active Support section and a small number of member's parents to help in running the section meetings.

It has still not been possible to fill the vacant role of Group Lead Volunteer (formerly Group Scout Master). The duties and responsibilities of that role have been shared on a temporary basis between David Collette, District Commissioner Scouts, Watford North and assisted by members of the Scout Group. The former arrangement involving the assistance from Christopher Gurdler, the Group Lead Volunteer at 9th North Watford Scout Group came to an end during the tail end of the year. Our Scout Group is grateful to Dave Collette and to Chris Gurdler for their support.

Daniel Cartwright, the new Scout Lead Volunteer aided by his partner Lianne Pike who joined the Group last year has



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continued to gain experience and confidence in performing his role.

The Section Lead Volunteers continue to rely heavily upon the assistance of Group volunteers and parents of members to support them in the running of section meetings and external activities.

The Scout Group continues to benefit from regular assistance provided by members of the Albatross Explorer Section (the "Abbos"), a Scouting District entity and also from members of the Network section.

There has been a temporary curtailment of the usual camping and other external activities formally undertaken by the Group's sections pending Daniel gaining experience and the necessary qualifications.

During the course of the year, the Scout Association began to implement a process of change, referred to as "Transformation". One requirement of this was for our Scout Group Board of Executives to be replaced by a new Board of Trustees. There are six new Trustees. Each Trustee is responsible for a key area of the running of the Scout Group. The Trustees are supported by a Team that has its own Team Committee.

The Board of Trustees together with the Group Lead Volunteer (the former Group Scout Leader) are responsible for the regulatory compliance and efficient operation of the Charity (the Scout Group). The running of the Scout Group is the responsibility of a Support Group comprising the Team Leaders (or Coordinators) and their respective Team Committees.



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The Scout Group was pleased to welcome Christin Gillan who has agreed to become the permanent Group Treasurer, taking over the role from Pauline Styles. Christin has joined the Board of Trustees.

Pauline Styles, resigned from the Executive Board. Pauline also decided to withdraw from her close involvement with the day to day running of the Scout Group for which she has given freely of her time and valuable experience over many years. The Board of Trustees are immensely grateful to Pauline for all that she has done for the Scout Group.

Robert Coulson resigned from the Executive Board and also from his role as Group Quartermaster. Rob has fulfilled the role of Quartermaster for many years. Rob has kindly offered to continue to provide practical help and guidance upon various technical issues.

Yvonne Stanley stepped down from being the Coordinator responsible for taking hall bookings, a role that she shared with her husband Matthew Bullock.

It has not been possible, so far, to fill the vacant full-time roles of a Group Secretary, a Health & Safety Coordinator and of a Facilities Coordinator. The duties and responsibilities for these roles have been covered temporarily by other members of the Board of Trustees

Woodsmoke, the Group's regular newsletter edited by Anna Ebdon remains an essential read.

Liam Goodman has been instrumental in setting up a new Group web site. Work on this is ongoing to achieve its full potential.



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Lin Lythaby, has not been able to contribute in her role as the Group's President due to continuing problems affecting her health.

The Scout Group's Annual General Meeting was held on 12th May 2023. Various achievement badges were presented to members and a number of long service awards presented to Leaders and other members of the Scout Group.

The Scout Group remains grateful to Christopher James who continues to act as the Independent Examiner of the Group's Year End Financial Accounts.

The Scout Group's finances remained in a very good state. This was mainly due to receipt of various grants and subsidies received by the Group as a consequence of the Covid Pandemic but also from the proceeds from the Group's regular fund-raising activities.

Fiona Packman, a Trustee heading up Events and Fund-Raising together with her team of volunteers arranged various activities including a bi-annual jumble sale, a quiz night and a race evening which have raised funds for the Scout Group.

The Group's funds continue to benefit from income derived from regular hall bookings and from the loan of the Group minibus to other external groups and members of the public. We are grateful to Jeremy Bishop who has continued to act as the Group Transport Coordinator.

Overall expenditure by the Scout Group was below that previously budgeted for. This is mostly due to delays in arranging for some previously identified repair and improvement works to the Group's Headquarters building whilst prioritising other works.



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Completing all of the works that have been identified and planned for will significantly reduce the monies held by the Group whilst still maintaining an adequate level of funds in reserve and in accordance with good budgeting practice.

Remedial works to the timber hall floor have proved largely successful with only small areas remaining where some further repair work will be required.

Additional items of kit have been purchased for the members use.

The process of “Transformation” also saw the former Active Support Section, a Scout District entity being dissolved. Its members are invited to become Group Volunteers to assist the new “Teams” and the Section Lead Volunteers.

During the course of the year the Scouts Association gave notice of, as part of “Transformation” its intention of transferring all Scout membership details from Compass, the existing system to a new digital system that is due to come into effect towards the end of 2024.

The future of the Scout Group is dependent upon it attracting additional adult volunteers to fill the vacant roles and to help the Lead Volunteers run their programmes. Unfortunately, this is an increasingly common problem shared with other volunteer led organisations.

Prepared by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Gabriel".

Richard Gabriel, Chairman, 1st Abbots Langley (3rd North Watford) Scouts

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ACCOUNTS for the year ending 31st December 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

1. RECEIPTS	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Subscriptions		
River Beavers	1,800.00	2,055.00
Lake Beavers	2,340.00	2,025.00
Rainforest Cubs	3,204.24	2,145.00
Jungle Cubs	2,700.00	3,060.00
Scouts	3,835.00	6,365.00
Less: refund for Lake Beavers overpayment	-	- 409.50
Less paid to District	<u>- 6,222.00</u>	<u>- 6,552.00</u>
	7,657.24	8,688.50
Investment income		
Group	1,190.69	345.51
Voluntary sources		
Donations		
General donations	421.95	625.97
Pete Linskey Training Fund	-	30.00
Winder Climbing Wall Fund	-	2,505.62
Local authority Covid grants	-	4,328.21
Hall Hire	2,457.00	2,501.14
Minibus hire	775.00	1,015.00
	<u>3,653.95</u>	<u>11,005.94</u>
Fund raising		
Jumble sales	3,920.68	2,404.71
Carnival	3,247.19	4,246.34
Xmas Market	-	724.40
DVD Sales	-	200.00
	<u>7,167.87</u>	<u>7,575.45</u>
Activities		
River Beavers	385.00	15.00
Lake Beavers	1,268.50	29.00
Rainforest Cubs	-	-
Jungle Cubs	720.00	60.00
Scouts	684.00	285.00
	<u>3,057.50</u>	<u>389.00</u>
Miscellaneous		
Group - Solar Panels	1,944.41	1,894.06
River Beavers	218.89	-
Lake Beavers	-	456.50
Rainforest Cubs	170.00	6.00
Jungle Cubs	6.00	50.00
Scouts	-	66.88
Explorers	100.00	396.00
	<u>2,439.30</u>	<u>2,869.44</u>
Gift Aid	3,219.23	2,080.38
Group Camp	-	-
Misc Income	481.00	187.96
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR YEAR	<u>28,866.78</u>	<u>33,142.18</u>

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT CONT.

2. PAYMENTS

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Premises		
Rates	233.68	522.60
Maintenance	15,726.80	6,675.90
Gas & Electricity	1,790.46	1,840.73
Telephone	452.73	443.74
Water	535.19	372.06
Insurance	1,748.21	1,586.99
	<u>20,487.07</u>	<u>11,442.02</u>
Activities		
River Beavers	1,396.94	669.93
Lake Beavers	2,356.61	1,150.86
Rainforest Cubs	1,101.42	1,497.80
Jungle Cubs	854.30	897.74
Scouts	2,869.86	2,217.26
Group	1,003.23	125.18
Group Camp	-	-
	<u>9,582.36</u>	<u>6,558.77</u>
Fund Raising Expenses Jumble Sales	173.99	2,055.83
Fund Raising Expenses Carnival	978.10	1,246.09
Fund Raising Expenses Xmas Market	-	80.44
Media expenses	360.70	369.03
Peter Linskey Training Fund	-	45.00
Winder Wall Climbing Wall Fund	760.95	387.60
	<u>2,273.74</u>	<u>4,183.99</u>
Administration		
Group	901.79	388.39
River Beavers	-	171.18
Lake Beavers	433.75	151.71
Rainforest Cubs	734.99	30.00
Jungle Cubs	-	194.81
Scouts	151.47	62.34
	<u>2,222.00</u>	<u>998.43</u>
Equipment		
Group	1,285.50	115.83
River Beavers	443.74	-
Lake Beavers	86.97	-
Rainforest Cubs	-	54.74
Jungle Cubs	693.24	-
Scouts	125.16	-
	<u>2,634.61</u>	<u>170.57</u>
Transport Expenses		
Insurance	976.67	733.27
Road Tax	295.00	280.00
Running Costs	215.61	-
Other Expenses	-	163.78
	<u>1,487.28</u>	<u>1,177.05</u>
Sundries		
Group	422.00	854.85
River Beavers	45.00	-
Lake Beaves	-	45.00
Rainforest Cubs	-	-
Jungle Cubs	-	-
Scouts	-	-
	<u>467.00</u>	<u>899.85</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR YEAR	<u>39,154.06</u>	<u>25,430.68</u>

1ST ABBOTS LANGLEY (3RD NORTH WATFORD) SCOUT GROUP

Statement of Assets & Liabilities
at 31st December 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Monetary Assets		
Bank current accounts - Group	1,816.77	1,704.12
Pete Linskey Training Fund	-	2,468.68
Clive Winder Wall Fund	-	2,485.08
- River Beavers	2,724.01	3,571.73
- Lake Beavers	1,369.10	1,503.10
- Rainforest Cubs	2,799.21	2,131.38
- Jungle Cubs	2,082.25	1,903.79
- Scouts	4,712.71	7,178.20
Bank deposit accounts - Barclays Group 0.40%	-	2,000.00
Savings acc - Mons B S 1% (Incl PL & WW Funds)	53,521.61	£55,088.00
Savings acc - Redwood Bk 90Day 2.95%	21,051.74	£20,255.23
Cash in hand		
- Group	205.13	330.58
- River Beavers	-	-
- Lake Beavers	6.10	-
- Rainforest Cubs	-	3.21
- Jungle Cubs	-	-
- Scouts	69.98	22.79
- Bus fund	101.22	101.22
	<u>90,459.83</u>	<u>100,747.11</u>
Non monetary assets (for charities own use)		
Land and buildings - Scout HQ - 21-23 Langley Road, Abbots Langley WD5 0EH		
Transport - Minibus and Trailers		
Fixtures and fittings in Scout HQ		
Scouting Equipment		
Liabilities	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>

1ST ABBOTS LANGLEY (3RD NORTH WATFORD) SCOUT GROUP
(Reg Charity No. 302611)
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY
FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £
Total receipts for the year (see page 2)	28,866.78	33,142.18
Total payments for the year (see page 3)	39,154.06	25,430.68
Net receipts (payments) for the year	- 10,287.28	7,711.50
Cash & bank funds brought forward	100,747.11	93,035.61
Cash & bank funds carried forward	<u>90,459.83</u>	<u>100,747.11</u>

The above account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on

10th May 2024 and signed on their behalf by  (Chair)



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
1st Abbots Langley (3rd North Watford) Scout Group

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2023

**Charity no
(if any)** 302611

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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

Signed:

Date: 23 OCT 24

Name:

Christopher Howard James

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

Chartered Accountant – ICAEW – member 9033646

Address:

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No Matters to Disclose.

Accounts



1st Abbots Langley (3rd North Watford) Scouts

Chairman's Report – For Year Ending 31st December 2022

The future for our Scout Group looked very bleak at the beginning of the year. There was no Scout Leader or a Group Scout Leader. We faced the possibility of having to close down our Scout Section. The knock-on effect of this upon our Cub and Beaver sections would have been equally bad as there would be no Scout section within the Group for our Cubs to move up into.

Fortunately, with the assistance of Watford North District, Scouts it was possible to overcome this difficulty, albeit only temporarily in welcoming Chris Gurdler, the Scout Leader from the 9th North Watford Scout Group who agreed to run our Group's Scouts section until such time as a permanent leader could be found for our Scouts section. This arrangement involved combining the meetings of both 3rd and 9th North Watford Scouts. The running of our own Scouts section was also assisted by members of the Active Support Unit, by the Abbos Explorer Unit and by some of the parents of young people in our Scout Group.

Our search for a new Scout Leader was ultimately successful in having Daniel Cartwright volunteer to become a prospective leader and for him to be assisted by his partner Lianne Pike. Daniel and Lianne continue to build on their respective roles.

We are continuing in our search for a Group Scout Leader.

A number of vacant roles within the Group Executive Committee including a new Treasurer, a Health & Safety and a Facilities Coordinator remained unfilled. In order to reduce the burden of fulfilling certain roles it was decided to instigate the sharing of responsibilities more and to implement sub-



1st Abbots Langley (3rd North Watford) Scouts

committees. This proposal is set to be expanded as more volunteers come forward.

The popularity and success of our Scout Group is due, in the main to the time and effort put in by a dedicated team of volunteer leaders who continued to provide a marvellous Scouting experience for our young people. However, the results of our repeated requests made for more parents to come forward and to volunteer on a regular basis have been disappointing.

Lin Lythaby, the Group's President had to step back from her role in promoting our Scout Group due to ill health.

We welcomed Emma Vassiliou who volunteered to become the Group's new Secretary.

Fiona Packman agreed to take on both of the previous separate roles of Events and Fund-Raising Coordinator. The introduction of Fiona's new ideas combined with the efforts of her fund-raising team achieved increased revenue from the Group's regular fund-raising activities.

It was decided that Jumble sales should remain a regular fixture in the Scout Group's calendar. As well as raising revenue for the Group the sales provided an opportunity for community to recycle unwanted items that might otherwise go to land fill. They also afforded an opportunity for our young people to interact and be seen by the community at large. I am pleased to report having personally received several complimentary comments from members of the local community concerning the excellent conduct and general courtesy of our young people when conducting these activities.

1st Abbots Langley (3rd North Watford) Scouts

The Group's funds continued to benefit from the income derived from regular hall bookings and from the loan of our minibus to other groups and members of the public. The Group is grateful to Yvonne Stanley and to her husband Matthew Bullock (hall bookings) and to Jeremy Bishop (Transport) for their help over the year with these matters.

Woodsmoke, the Group's regular newsletter edited by Anna Ebdon remains an essential read.

Work on developing a new Group web site was started under the stewardship of Liam Goodman. The aim is to make the website easier to navigate and to edit regularly which will help keep it up to date.

The Scout Group's finances remained in a very good state throughout the year mainly due to receipt of various grants and subsidies and from the proceeds from the Group's regular fund-raising activities. Overall expenditure was down partly due to the knock-on effect of the pandemic. Also due to the temporary postponement of previously identified repair and improvement works to the Group's Head Quarters building. There was also the temporary curtailment of the usual camping and other activities formally undertaken by the Group's sections. This was mainly caused by vacancies in leadership roles and also due to a lack of instructors.

The reports upon the Group's finances show them to be in a healthy state. The resources available to the Group exceed what would in normal circumstances be required to maintain and safeguard the Group. Steps are being taken to reduce the amount and various expenditure has been budgeted for. Completing all of the works that are currently planned for will significantly reduce the monies held by the Group whilst still



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maintaining an adequate level of funds in reserve and in accordance with good budgeting practice.

Various investigations were made and further research carried out necessary for the identified repairs to maintain the HQ building as well as for other improvement works in order to continue to provide a safe environment and varied resources for use by the young people.

A sudden serious deterioration in the condition of the hall wood block floor caused the Group's activities to be suspended for a time on safety grounds. Repair works were carried out at the end of the winter term to return the floor to good order and with an improved appearance.

Towards the end of the year the Scout Association announced proposals for changing the structure and working practices of Scout Groups. A Scout Group Executive Committee is to become known as an Executive Board. The Board will now comprise only certain members who have key roles who will be supported by coordinators who will in turn be supported by committees. Further details of the proposed changes will be announced at District level as they become known and then implemented by the Group.

Richard Gabriel

Chairman, 1st Abbots Langley (3rd North Watford) Scouts

1ST ABBOTS LANGLEY (3RD NORTH WATFORD) SCOUT GROUP
(Reg Charity No. 302611)

ACCOUNTS for the year ending 31st December 2022

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

1. RECEIPTS	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
Subscriptions		
River Beavers	2,055.00	1,908.00
Lake Beavers	2,025.00	1,800.00
Rainforest Cubs	2,145.00	2,040.00
Jungle Cubs	3,060.00	2,425.00
Scouts	6,365.00	5,712.00
Less: refund for Lake Beavers overpayment	- 409.50	-
<u>Less paid to District</u>	<u>- 6,552.00</u>	<u>- 6,900.00</u>
	8,688.50	6,985.00
Investment income		
Group	345.51	63.80
Voluntary sources		
Donations		
General donations	625.97	277.63
Pete Linskey Training Fund	30.00	85.00
Winder Climbing Wall Fund	2,505.62	7,494.05
Parish Council grant for Winder Wall Fundraising	-	3,000.00
Local authority Covid grants	4,328.21	19,034.00
Hall Hire	2,501.14	1,545.00
Minibus hire	1,015.00	50.19
	<u>11,005.94</u>	<u>31,485.87</u>
Fund raising		
Jumble sales	2,404.71	739.65
Carnival	4,246.34	-
Xmas Market	724.40	948.54
DVD Sales	200.00	74.48
	<u>7,575.45</u>	<u>1,762.67</u>
Activities		
River Beavers	15.00	-
Lake Beavers	29.00	-
Rainforest Cubs	-	-
Jungle Cubs	60.00	-
Scouts	285.00	630.00
	<u>389.00</u>	<u>630.00</u>
Miscellaneous		
Group - Solar Panels	1,894.06	1,663.43
River Beavers	-	342.85
Lake Beavers	456.50	-
Rainforest Cubs	6.00	-
Jungle Cubs	50.00	-
Scouts	66.88	-
Explorers	396.00	-
	<u>2,869.44</u>	<u>2,006.28</u>
Gift Aid	2,080.38	-
Group Camp	-	-
Misc Income	187.96	64.40
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR YEAR	<u>33,142.18</u>	<u>43,093.02</u>

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the UK was still affected by the Coronavirus (Covid 19). To support charities during this time, the Government made various grants available. The Scout Group benefitted from grants of £4,328.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT CONT.

2. PAYMENTS

	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
Premises		
Rates	522.60	235.53
Maintenance	6,675.90	2,088.35
Gas & Electricity	1,840.73	922.00
Telephone	443.74	485.35
Water	372.06	141.45
Insurance	1,586.99	1,431.29
	<u>11,442.02</u>	<u>5,303.97</u>
Activities		
River Beavers	669.93	691.96
Lake Beavers	1,150.86	826.90
Rainforest Cubs	1,497.80	407.95
Jungle Cubs	897.74	529.06
Scouts	2,217.26	2,040.04
Group	125.18	168.50
Group Camp	-	-
	<u>6,558.77</u>	<u>4,664.41</u>
Fund Raising Expenses		
Jumble sales (inc contribution for Jamboree members)	2,055.83	-
Carnival (inc contribution for Jamboree members)	1,246.09	-
Xmas Market	80.44	138.12
Media expenses	369.03	81.15
Peter Linskey Training Fund	45.00	200.00
Winder Wall Climbing Wall Fund	387.60	16,478.60
Administration		
Group	388.39	586.95
River Beavers	171.18	436.27
Lake Beavers	151.71	296.14
Rainforest Cubs	30.00	-
Jungle Cubs	194.81	66.66
Scouts	62.34	-
	<u>998.43</u>	<u>1,386.02</u>
Equipment		
Group	115.83	17.68
River Beavers	-	-
Lake Beavers	-	-
Rainforest Cubs	54.74	18.20
Jungle Cubs	-	-
Scouts	-	321.72
	<u>170.57</u>	<u>357.60</u>
Transport Expenses		
Insurance	733.27	692.21
Road Tax	280.00	270.00
Running Costs	-	199.50
Other Expenses	163.78	118.00
Repairs	-	-
	<u>1,177.05</u>	<u>1,279.71</u>
Sundries		
Group	854.85	581.83
River Beavers	-	340.00
Lake Beaves	45.00	184.01
Rainforest Cubs	-	-
Jungle Cubs	-	-
Scouts	-	92.00
	<u>899.85</u>	<u>1,197.84</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR YEAR	<u>25,430.68</u>	<u>31,087.42</u>

1ST ABBOTS LANGLEY (3RD NORTH WATFORD) SCOUT GROUP

**Statement of Assets & Liabilities
at 31st December 2022**

	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
Monetary Assets		
Bank current accounts . - Group	1,704.12	5,107.52
Pete Linskey Training Fund	2,468.68	2,483.68
Clive Winder Wall Fund	2,485.08	360.06
- River Beavers	3,571.73	3,399.36
- Lake Beavers	1,503.10	1,716.43
- Rainforest Cubs	2,131.38	2,915.92
- Jungle Cubs	1,903.79	1,422.34
- Scouts	7,178.20	5,202.98
Bank deposit accounts - Barclays Group 0.40%	2,000.00	10,000.00
Savings accounts - Mons B S Group 1%	55,088.00	£45,000.00
Savings accounts - Redwood Bk 90Day Group 2.95%	20,255.23	£15,007.09
Cash in hand		
- Group	330.58	75.00
- River Beavers	-	-
- Lake Beavers	-	22.79
- Rainforest Cubs	3.21	3.21
- Jungle Cubs	-	-
- Scouts	22.79	154.23
- Bus fund	101.22	165.00
	<u>100,747.11</u>	<u>93,035.61</u>
Non monetary assets (for charities own use)		
Land and buildings - Scout HQ - 21-23 Langley Road, Abbots Langley WD5 0EH		
Transport - Minibus and Trailers		
Fixtures and fittings in Scout HQ		
Scouting Equipment		
Liabilities	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>

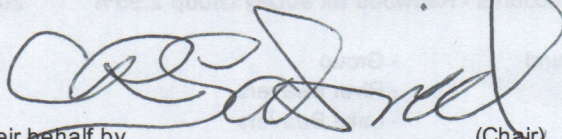
1ST ABBOTS LANGLEY (3RD NORTH WATFORD) SCOUT GROUP

(Reg Charity No. 302611)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY
FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Total receipts for the year (see page 2)	33,142.18	43,093.02
Total payments for the year (see page 3)	25,430.68	31,087.12
Net receipts (payments) for the year	<u>7,711.50</u>	<u>12,005.90</u>
Cash & bank funds brought forward	93,035.61	81,029.71
Cash & bank funds carried forward	<u>100,747.11</u>	<u>93,035.61</u>

The above account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on



12th May 2023 and signed on their behalf by (Chair)



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

1st ABBOTS LANGLEY (3RD NORTH WATFORD) SCOUT GROUP

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DEC 2022

Charity no
(if any)

302611

Set out on pages

(specify the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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

Signed:

Date:

21.9.2023

Name:

CHRISTOPHER JAMES

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ICAEW - FCA - 9033646

Address:

17 LITTLE HOW CROFT, ABBOTS LANGLEY
HERTFORDSHIRE WD5 0BR

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE

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1st Abbots Langley (3rd North Watford) Scout Group
AGM Friday 13th May 2022

Chairman's Welcome

I am very pleased to welcome you all here this evening to our Scout Group's 95th Annual General Meeting which we are able to conduct in an open forum, face to face, once again. Although all covid restrictions have now been lifted I request that you remain alert and maintain some sensible precautionary measures this evening to help safe guard your own health and that of others.

For those of you who are not already familiar with the layout of this building emergency exits are located at either end of the hall and also to the rear of the stage area behind me. In the event of a fire being detected an alarm will sound and you should all then leave the building by the nearest emergency exit. There are separate male and female toilets located off the front entrance hall.

I envisage that the formal proceedings of the evening will be concluded by around about 9:00pm. This will be followed by a presentation of awards. Everyone is then very welcome to partake of the light refreshments that are laid out at the side of hall. These, once again, been organised by Lin Lythaby, the Groups President. This evening's events will be brought to a close around 11:00pm.

I now ask Polly Chase to read an opening prayer. Will you all please stand.

** Prayer to be read**

I am now pleased to proceed with the formal part of the meeting. I will start with my Report as Chair of the Scout Group.

Chair's Report

The requirements to maintain social distancing and other constraints arising from the covid-19 Pandemic continued to affect the ability of leaders to organise a full and varied programmes for their individual sections for much of the last 12 months. I am proud to acknowledge the very positive feedback we, the Group has received both from the young people and from their parents upon what our leaders were able to achieve under very difficult circumstances and I wish to thank the leaders, assistant leaders and parent and other helpers for all of their efforts in achieving this. The final removal of all restrictions towards the end of 2021 allowed unencumbered meetings to recommence and Sections were quick to revert back to running normal programmes once again.

As was first reported at last year's AGM the Group Exec had embarked upon a wide ranging review and reorganisation of the structure of the Exec with the intention of improving its efficiency and compliance with Scout rules. Iain Stanley, a former Scout from this Group and who is now the GSL of his own Scout Group in Aylesbury helped us immensely in achieving this aim. Iain has been very generous with his time and in providing us with the benefit of his Scout experience and knowledge in these matters. Iain also agreed to take on the role of Group Scout Leader, albeit temporarily, until another full time GSL could be found. After almost 2 years, Iain is, as of this evening, stepping back from his close involvement with our Group in order that he can concentrate fully upon his own Scout Group. We asked Scouts at District level if they could give Iain some form of official recognition for his work on behalf of our Group. I am pleased

to report that the County Commissioner has presented Iain with a Commendation. The citation reads: In recognition of the support he has given 1st Abbots Langley, 3rd North Watford during the Covid 19 crisis.

Whereas the restructuring of the Group Exec Committee is complete, there are a number of important roles where vacancies exist. I'll speak more about this later.

The Exec has unfortunately had to accept a number of resignations over the course of the last year from individuals holding key roles:

Cate Simms - formerly the Group's Secretary.

Cate helped to maintain discussions on track and a knack of providing succinct perspective.

Paul Woodman - formerly the Health & Safety Coordinator

Paul's contribution covered diverse areas including risk assessments and safety signage.

Ian Watts – who was responsible for delivering the Scout Group's first Business Continuity Plan. A really useful base document which Paul has agreed to help the Group develop further as time goes on.

I wish to thank each of these individuals for their invaluable contributions and support provided to the Scout Group during their time in office. It is much appreciated. We wish each of them well for the future.

We have also had to say goodbye to Amaelia Parmenter who, for work and personal reasons, resigned from her role as Scout Leader at the end of the Spring Term. I wish to thank Amaelia for stepping up at the outset and agreeing to take on a very demanding role. Also, for her personal commitment in time and effort. We wish Amaelia well in all her future ventures. We trust Amaelia will want to continue her involvement with the Scouts and we hope there may be an opportunity for Amaelia to renew her association with our Scout Group again at some later stage.

The Group Exec has also been pleased to welcome some new faces to the team:

Yvonne Stanley who, together with Matthew Bullock, her husband has taken on responsibility for hall bookings, that was previously dealt with by Elaine Nottage. Yvonne has quickly proved very successful in achieving a lot of new private hall hire bookings. Our hall is currently proving very popular with childrens' parties. In particular, bouncy castles but we have decided to rule out disco foam parties. Well, at least for the time being.

Another new member, Jeremy Bishop has taken over responsibility for running the Group's transport and private hire bookings of the Group's mini bus, formerly dealt with by John Gomme.

These 2 new appointments have brought renewed impetus and fresh ideas to the benefit of our Group.

Those involved in the running of the Scout Group, either as Section leaders, assistant leaders and helpers or as members of the Exec Committee are all unpaid volunteers who give freely of their time to provide the Scouting experience to the young people. Unfortunately, in common with other Scout and similar youth groups we currently have a shortage of leaders which, if not resolved urgently, will prevent us from maintaining the present membership level and ability to accommodate the increasing numbers of young people on the waiting list. We are immensely grateful to the parents and other helpers who, in the interim, have stepped up to help overcome the shortage of leaders. Without this essential extra

assistance from parents and from members of the Scout Active Support unit and the Explorers Unit our leaders will find it increasingly difficult to cope. This could result in even fewer leaders and small sections. We do need to maintain and to build upon this additional help going forward and I ask those of you who may possibly be interested in either training to become a leader or can assist in some other way to contact their child's Section leader to learn more about how you can help.

Similarly, we are in urgent need of finding additional people to help run the Exec Committee who oversee the day to day running of the Scout Group and its facilities. Vacancies exist for a Group Secretary, Health & Safety and Fund Raising Coordinators and also a Facilities Manager. These are all important roles that are fundamental to the successful running of the Group. Rewarding opportunities exist for those interested in taking on interesting and challenging roles to augment the Group Exec. These vacant roles have previously been advertised in Woodsmoke, our Group newsletter including brief descriptions of what the posts entail. I acknowledge that, at first reading, the full job descriptions may appear daunting but please, please do not allow this to put you off finding out more about what is involved and how you may be able to help. There may be elements of the role that might appeal or which you believe you might be particular good at. We are open to looking into ways of tailoring an individual's involvement to suit their personal capacity for helping the Group.

You will all, no doubt, have been impressed by our new climbing wall, named the Clive Winder Climbing Wall in commemoration of our late Group Scout Leader and Scout Leader. The opening ceremony took place in July attended by an array of local dignitaries, big wigs from the Scouts and members and friends of our Scout Group. I wish to recognise the hard work put in by the climbing wall subcommittee and in particular Colin Scuse, our go to "Scout climbing expert" who, together as a team, brought an initial concept for a climbing wall first thought of by Clive and by Alison Redmond into fruition.

Chris Watts, the Leader of Rainforest Cubs and himself a trained amateur climber is doing a sterling job of managing the use of the climbing wall and progressing the training of additional instructors. Usage of the climbing wall will gradually increase as more instructors are trained up. I'm confident it will prove to be a popular activity for the young persons and the not so young for many years to come. Opportunities exist for additional people to become involved in the training aspects of the wall.

Sally Winder, Chris Watts, our climbing wall manager and myself were invited to the Abbots Langley Tough Ten Awards Ceremony earlier in the year, where we were delighted to receive a cheque for £1000 to help towards the running costs of the Clive Winder Climbing Wall. I am delighted to announce the imminent receipt of a grant of £1000 from Tesco's Community Grant Scheme as a result of the maintenance of the wall achieving 2nd place in the Tesco's shop and drop a token scheme in their local branches of Tesco's. Thank you to all those who dropped their token into our box.

The finances of the Group are overall in good shape. More details about this will be included under the Treasurer's Report that will be presented shortly. I wish to thank Pauline Styles, our Group Treasurer for all of her hard work in organising and keeping abreast of the Group's finances. Pauline, unfortunately, cannot be with us this evening as she is currently on a long distance walking trek in Spain. We wish her well on her travels.

We are very fortunate indeed in having such a great Scout hall. This is due to the vision and the combined efforts of the members and friends of the Scout Group who, back in 1970, were responsible for replacing the former simple Scout Hut with the present building. We recently had the pleasure to

host a visit from an "old scout", Major James Reed and his partner who now live near Salisbury. James remembered the former Scout hut and was amazed to see what we have now. But good things don't go on forever. We have identified several areas of future expenditure, to help maintain and to improve the building and its facilities. A subcommittee is currently investigating how best to deal with the issues affecting the wood block hall flooring that caused the hall to be closed for a period of weeks last summer. We are also looking into improving overall thermal insulation of the building and at reducing excessive noise levels within the hall.

These potential improvements together with general ongoing maintenance of the building will significantly reduce our current funds. Therefore, we will seek to raise additional funds through a variety of ways, including running our popular hot dog stall at the Abbots Langley Carnival in June, the return of our Double Jumble Sale to take place in October, absent for 2 years due to covid-19, and the Christmas Market to be held in November. Lin Lythaby, after many years of organising aspects of our fund raising proposes now to take a step back. We are looking to introduce a new team of fund raisers to take over the reins from Lin.

I am proud to be able to share with you the fact that Zara James, aged 8, formerly belonging to one of our Beaver lodges but who has now moved up into Cubs was selected by the Abbots Langley Parish Council as "young person of the year" and awarded a cup in recognition. The citation given on making the award read:

"While we were in lockdown, as well as attending every online session – Zara also worked outside of the meetings to achieve practically every badge available to her as a Beaver – I think only missing two out of 45 available to her. Zara was the leader of her lodge, which included a Beaver with ASD (autism) and always did her best to include him in activities where he might have felt on the outside of it. Zara really embodied all the things which make a good Beaver – she was enthusiastic, always ready to try something and very kind to her fellow Beavers."

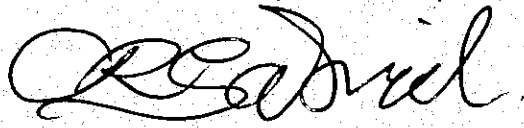
Very well done Zara.

I wish to take this opportunity to formally acknowledge and to thank on behalf of the Executive Committee all of the individuals who together by their contribution make this Scout Group the success that it is; the leaders, assistant leaders, assistants, members of the exec committee, active support unit, the Ladies Guild, parental helpers, HQ cleaners and all those who turn up at an event to help lend a hand. To all of you – thank you.

Our Scout Group is immensely proud of our history, of our Scout Hall and of what the Scout Group has been able to provide to different generations of young people in and around Abbots Langley over the years. We aim to continue to thrive as a Scout Group and to build upon this legacy and to maintain our contribution to the local community. In order for us to be confident of our ability to continue to do so we need to attract additional on the uniformed side of the Group and further individuals to join and help run the Exec Committee; to plan for and run fund raising events and also to help out on building maintenance days. I wish now to address directly the parents of the young members and also to friends of the Scout Group, when you return home after this meeting please find an opportunity to reflect upon what this Group provides, of the benefits enjoyed by the young people and then consider how you possibly could contribute to ensure that this all continues. Please get in contact either with myself or

with another member of the Scout Group. We will be pleased to have an opportunity to talk with you.
Thank you.

Prepared by:
Richard Gabriel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Gabriel', written in a cursive style.

Chair, 1st Abbots Langley (3rd North Watford) Scout Group

1ST ABBOTS LANGLEY (3RD NORTH WATFORD) SCOUT GROUP**(Reg Charity No. 302611)****ACCOUNTS for the year ending 31st December 2021****RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

1. RECEIPTS	2021	2020
	£	£
Subscriptions		
River Beavers	1,908.00	1,188.00
Lake Beavers	1,800.00	1,137.00
Rainforest Cubs	2,040.00	2,210.00
Jungle Cubs	2,425.00	1,535.00
Scouts	5,712.00	2,550.00
Less paid to District	- 6,900.00	- 6,352.50
	<u>6,985.00</u>	<u>2,267.50</u>
Investment income		
Group (all accounts)	63.80	188.34
Voluntary sources		
Donations		
General donations	277.63	202.56
Pete Linskey Training Fund	85.00	-
Winder Climbing Wall Fund (inc virtual race night)	7,494.05	4,681.41
Parish Council grant for Winder Wall Fundraising	3,000.00	-
Local authority Covid grants	19,034.00	10,000.00
Hall Hire	1,545.00	1,771.00
Minibus hire	50.19	3,341.73
	<u>31,485.87</u>	<u>19,996.70</u>
Fund raising		
Jumble sales	739.65	-
Carnival	-	-
Xmas Market	948.54	-
Christmas Post	-	163.20
DVD Sales	74.48	119.45
	<u>1,762.67</u>	<u>282.65</u>
Activities		
River Beavers	-	-
Lake Beavers	95.00	70.00
Rainforest Cubs	-	130.00
Jungle Cubs	-	170.00
Scouts	630.00	3,262.00
	<u>725.00</u>	<u>3,632.00</u>
Miscellaneous		
Group - Solar Panels	1,663.43	1,870.62
River Beavers	342.85	-
Lake Beavers	-	-
Rainforest Cubs	-	-
Jungle Cubs	-	-
Scouts	-	156.04
Explorers	-	31.59
	<u>2,006.28</u>	<u>2,058.25</u>
Gift Aid	-	15,352.96
Group Camp	-	-
Misc Income	64.40	174.81
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR YEAR	<u>43,093.02</u>	<u>43,953.21</u>

During the year ended 31 December 2021, the UK was still affected by the Coronavirus (Covid 19). To support charities during this time, the Government made various grants available and the Scout Group received £19,034 in total, which was used to help cover the running costs of the facilities whilst we remained closed. We also were exempt from paying Business rates during this time.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT CONT.

2. PAYMENTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Premises		
Rates	235.43	1,162.40
Rates - Covid rebate	-	1,056.40
Maintenance	2,088.35	562.30
Gas & Electricity	922.00	1,326.32
Telephone	485.35	563.82
Water	141.45	151.50
Insurance	1,431.29	1,309.50
	<u>5,303.87</u>	<u>4,019.44</u>
Activities		
River Beavers	691.96	272.56
Lake Beavers	826.90	164.94
Rainforest Cubs	407.95	1,131.35
Jungle Cubs	529.06	566.38
Scouts	2,040.04	3,177.41
Group	168.50	36.40
Group Camp	-	-
	<u>4,664.41</u>	<u>5,349.04</u>
Fund Raising Expenses	138.12	51.26
Media expenses	81.15	325.52
Peter Linskey Training Fund	200.00	530.00
Winder Wall Climbing Wall Fund	16,478.60	-
Administration		
Group	586.95	349.68
River Beavers	436.27	-
Lake Beavers	296.14	-
Rainforest Cubs	-	48.00
Jungle Cubs	66.66	225.07
Scouts	-	229.84
	<u>1,386.02</u>	<u>852.59</u>
Equipment		
Group	17.68	259.51
River Beavers	-	-
Lake Beavers	-	-
Rainforest Cubs	18.20	87.70
Jungle Cubs	-	-
Scouts	321.72	-
	<u>357.60</u>	<u>347.21</u>
Transport Expenses		
Insurance	692.21	763.00
Road Tax	270.00	265.00
Running Costs	199.50	902.00
Other Expenses	118.00	117.72
Repairs	-	900.00
	<u>1,279.71</u>	<u>2,947.72</u>
Sundries		
Group	581.63	520.08
River Beavers	340.00	-
Lake Beavers	184.01	-
Rainforest Cubs	-	-
Jungle Cubs	-	-
Scouts	92.00	110.00
	<u>1,197.64</u>	<u>630.08</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR YEAR	<u>31,087.12</u>	<u>15,052.86</u>

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**Statement of Assets & Liabilities
at 31st December 2021**

	<u>2021</u> £	<u>2020</u> £
Monetary Assets		
Bank current accounts - Group	5,107.52	7,056.94
Pete Linskey Training Fund*	2,483.68	
Clive Winder Wall Fund*	360.06	
- River Beavers	3,399.36	3,303.33
- Lake Beavers	1,716.43	994.85
- Rainforest Cubs	2,915.92	2,553.10
- Jungle Cubs	1,422.34	1,611.06
- Scouts	5,202.98	4,432.67
Bank deposit accounts - Barclays Group 0.05%	10,000.00	30,000.00
Savings accounts - Mons B S Group 0.35%	45,000.00	-
Savings accounts - Redwood Bk 90Day Group 0.65%	15,007.09	-
Scout Association STI account - CLOSED	-	29,883.65
Cash in hand - Group	75.00	-
- River Beavers	-	89.41
- Lake Beavers	22.79	523.41
- Rainforest Cubs	3.21	12.18
- Jungle Cubs	-	-
- Scouts	154.23	336.30
- Bus fund	165.00	232.81
	<u>93,035.61</u>	<u>81,029.71</u>
Non monetary assets (for charities own use)		
Land and buildings - Scout HQ - 21-23 Langley Road, Abbots Langley WD5 0EH		
Transport - Minibus and Trailers		
Fixtures and fittings in Scout HQ		
Scouting Equipment		
Liabilities	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>

*Funds included in the main group account in 2020

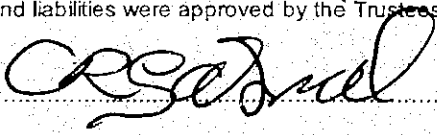
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY
FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£
Total receipts for the year (see page 2)	43,093.02	43,953.21
Total payments for the year (see page 3)	31,087.12	15,052.86
Net receipts (:payments) for the year	<u>12,005.90</u>	<u>28,900.35</u>
Cash & bank funds brought forward	81,029.71	52,129.36
Cash & bank funds carried forward	<u>93,035.61</u>	<u>81,029.71</u>

The above account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on

13th May 2022 and signed on their behalf by  (Chair)



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

ABBOTS LANGLEY SCOUT GROUP

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2021

Charity no
(if any)

302611

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

30-9-22

Name:

JAMES REEVE

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

INSTITUTE OF

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF SCOTLAND

(if any):

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

n/a

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020

The total Group membership at the January 2021 Census was 144 (2020 =149; 2019 = 160). The individual section numbers were:

Beaver Scouts	24	(27; 35)
Cub Scouts	42	(51; 58)
Scouts	49	(42; 35)
Leaders & Assistants	29	(29; 32)

The Group's AGM was held in May 2021 as a virtual meeting over zoom because we were still unable to meet in groups of more than 6 because of the Covid restrictions. It was hoped that we would all be able to meet together once again by now, but we found ourselves behind screens once again. With the pandemic showing signs of retreat and a very successful vaccination programme, life looks like getting back to some sort of normality soon.

The Covid lockdowns had a severe impact on our fundraising in 2020, with only the Christmas Post and a virtual quiz able to take place and raise much needed funds. My thanks go to Pauline and Dani for taking the lead on these two initiatives.

We were very fortunate to qualify for various grants from our local councils which totalled £18,000 over fifteen months. This kept our Scout Group going in the absence of any fundraising during this time. Given the uncertainty of what future fundraising will take place, the grants have been a much welcomed and essential life-line. My thanks must go to Pauline who spent hours and hours filling out grant request forms and of course the local councils for their support packages.

Although all of our Group events were cancelled during the year, I am full of admiration for all of our leaders, assistant leaders and helpers who managed to keep their section meetings going via Zoom, coming up with imaginative programmes throughout the year. You are all a credit to your Scout Group and the community in which we live.

As nobody had come forward to take on the role of Group Scout Leader it fell to Dave Collette to temporarily fill the role. This very fulfilling and richly rewarding role still needs to be filled, and a full role description is available, training is given and help is always in hand.

Here is a condensed version of what our young people have been doing over the past year. You may think that would not be a lot as they have been shut up at home and stuck on their screens, how could they possibly have been Scouting. However, I am happy to say that thanks to the incredible hard work and remarkable ingenuity of our leader teams, our young people have been able to continue with their Scouting programme and have continued to earn badges. All sections have met online via Zoom, back face to face (briefly), back on zoom and now back face to face again! The census return for 2021 reported that the total number of Young People in the Group was down by only 5 in 2020. An incredible low loss of 4% when the national average is more like 24%.

The Beavers had 7 Bronze awards given out during the past year, Dani is proud of their online attendance with a 97% attendance for Autumn 2020 and Spring 2021.

Chris and the Rainforest Cubs currently have 20 Young People down from 27 last year female Youth Members, making up nearly half of the pack. Nicky Trotman has moved over to support Jungle Cubs as an Assistant Section Leader, and we'd like to wish Nicky all the best with this. There is New Section Assistant, Richard King and a new Accounts Administrator Laura Fitzpatrick. The Pack also continues to benefit from the assistance of Explorers as part of their DoE work. The virtual meetings on Zoom where all well attended providing Cubs with some much-needed structure and variety of new activities during the prolonged periods indoors.

Some of our more notable and exciting undertaking of the past few months both virtually and f2f included; Virtual Halloween Party, Backwoods Cooking, Virtual Games Evening, Italian Evening with Pizza Making, Virtual Challenge Evening, Virtual Christmas Party, Essex Reptile Encounters, Chinese New Year, Pancake Night, Gardener Badge Evening, Easter Craft and Cooking. And since lockdown has eased a Leavesden Country Park Hike, some Tent Pitching and Wide Games.

Cubs have throughout their programme of virtual and physical activities, been able to complete a host of badge-work and awards including; Animal Career Activity Badge, Backwoods Cooking Activity Badge, Chefs Activity Badge and Gardener Activity Badge.

Individual Cubs too have used the time indoors during the Lockdowns to undertake the completion of badges and awards around their own personal interests and hobbies including; Cyclist Activity Badge, Digital

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Citizens Staged Activity Badge and Equestrian Activity Badge. There was also one Cub who completed his Silver Chief Scout Award last term, and our congratulations go to Ben Rayner.

Richard and Jungle Cubs had lots of fun (particularly doing scavenger hunts on zoom!), learned some new skills (we were pitching tents up at Lees Wood last week) and completed plenty of badges in the process, including Chef, Gardener, Naturalist, Navigator, local knowledge and have worked towards some of their Challenge awards too.

A few special thank you's are definitely in order.... Firstly, to Nicky Trotman who joined Jungle Cubs as a leader at the beginning of the year - we literally couldn't have carried on without her help and support!and to one of our Young Leaders, Andrew Grant, who has helped week in week out. One particular week, Andrew planned, prepared and lead parts of our Chinese New Year virtual meeting - this included writing every cubs name out in Chinese for them to copy! Andrew went above and beyond, an amazing effort!

Richard would like to thank all the leaders at our fellow Rainforest pack (sharing meeting plans and resources is the way forwards!), all the Young Leaders who have helped out over the last 12 months and parents who regularly come along and help at meetings, especially Jo Hunter for managing the badges and Helen Taylor/Victoria Milford for organising the parent rota. Our thanks to Richard who did all this and started a new job.

Amaelia reports that the numbers in Scouts has increased to 52 young members. Online meetings ranged from Bingo and Scavenger hunts, to building the tallest tower out of marshmallows! Most recently with the help of parents at home, we were able to complete our Mechanics Badge among many other badges including DIY, Photography, Emergency Aid and Chef badge, with our leaders creating fun interactive videos, for the scouts to join in with at home.

Even though Scouting hasn't been "normal" this year, many badges have still been attained by all since May 2020 (240 badges to be exact). This included 5 Gold Chief Scout awards - this is the highest achievable badge in Scouts, and takes many hours of work, time and dedication to complete.

Scouts had hoped to embark on their Annual Summer Scout Camp last year, but this wasn't possible and they had to cancel it. Some of the leaders came together to create a week long Virtual Camp, which was enjoyed by over 20 of our members. Our leaders worked very hard to create activities such as route planning, flag making and even virtual campfires! The week was enjoyed by all participants, and we are told some parents.

Looking at the age range of the Troop, and that of the 2 Cub packs that feed it, it is highly likely that the Group will have 60 scouts on its books by next September. This might seem a nice problem, but it cannot happen. We cannot run an active evening with 60 young people and leaders in our building at one time. We are looking at ways, one solution could be the creation of a second troop. But as with the other sections we need more adult leaders, and without them Young People may not enjoy the Adventure that is Scouting.

Explorers were a difficult age to get to meet online and when they did, they just wanted to talk. They have met online though, and have kept in touch and as we have heard they have all helped the younger sections run their meetings. As they return their numbers are around 25 and are planning their DoE Expeditions to start once they are allowed to camp.

With the current easing of lockdown measures we have once again been able to meet face-to-face in the Summer Term, an opportunity we are making the most of planning to be outdoors for the duration following yet another National Lockdown, being outdoors once again and sharing experiences with friends is something that all our Young People and leaders are thoroughly enjoying. Evenings and Saturday mornings are planned at Lees Wood and Phasels Wood over the rest of the term making use of the onsite activities providing them the ability to obtain an extensive range of unique badges while undertaking new and exciting activities, adventures and experiences.

Our fantastic Young People and the amazing Leaders have kept Scouting in their lives. A very important aspect for their mental health during these times.

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Overall Adult membership last year was down by 14, which was partly due to some adults leaving and some didn't need to be full members of The Scout Association to fulfil their roles.

I would like to acknowledge our thanks to the Executive Committee Officers, the Team of people who have kept the Group on track and keep things running; Mike, Pauline, Cate, Richard and Iain (at home). Thank you all for steering the Group forward and making some pretty radical, positive changes as to how it will be run in the future. They have done some fantastic stuff and the Group would not be in the strong position it is now in without their due diligence and Governance. As always, our sincere thanks go to all our Leaders and Group members for their continued support throughout the year for delivering such a varied programme for the Scouts to enjoy.

During 2020, a sub-committee was formed to deliver the climbing wall package in memory of our Group Scout Leader, Clive Winder. I am pleased to say that this has now achieved its goal and the wall is to be constructed over the summer. It is hoped that 'The Winder Wall' will provide hours of fun, challenges and excitement for many generations of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to come, something Clive would have been very proud of I'm sure. It is hoped that an official opening ceremony will take place at HQ later in 2021. A commemorative book recording Clive's Scouting life has also been produced, which we hope will be available to view at this time.

As mentioned previously, the Group has been restructuring the Executive Committee over the last twelve months, to bring us in line with Scout Association Guidelines. I would like to thank the outgoing Committee for their support and hard work during the past, very challenging, year. Thank you to Phil Clarke, Jo watts, John Gomme and Elaine Nottage, who are all stepping down. Rachel Drake, who has been a trustee since 2004 is also leaving the Executive Committee but I am happy to say is continuing to help at Beavers. Thank-you Rachel. I appreciate all of their contributions to the Group over the years.

The challenges we have faced this year have been tremendous and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to The District for their support and to four Group members whose tireless commitment and enthusiasm has enabled us to weather the storm. Cate, Iain, Pauline and Richard - we couldn't have done it without you!

After 40 years as an Executive Committee member, Lin Lythaby has decided to stand down. Lin's input into Scouting has been immeasurable, and it has been an honour to work alongside Lin at the many fundraisers

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she has overseen over the years. Lin must have helped raise in excess of £120,000 during that time, which is truly remarkable to say the least! On behalf of the Group and all the young people whom you have helped along their Scouting adventure, we thank you. I am delighted to announce that Lin is to be nominated as our new Honorary Group President, a role which I hope she will accept.

This will be my last AGM as Group Chairman. I could say the last 10 years have flown by, but actually the 25 years I have been involved have flown even faster! My time with 1st Abbots Langley began back in 1996 when my eldest son joined as a Beaver and I soon became a regular helper - not surprisingly mostly when DIY was on the programme! Two sons later and I had gone beyond the point of no return - camps, competitions, wide games, narrowboat, more DIY and, of course, the Committee. I can honestly say that I have genuinely loved it - the teamwork, being with the youngsters and the adults and most of all, it often involves the great outdoors.

The time has come to move on and hand over. I wish Richard Gabriel the very best of luck in his new role as Chairman as he moves the Group forward once more so that we can deliver skills for life to our young people in Abbots Langley and beyond.

Dave Collette
Benson
District Commissioner
And acting GSL

Mike
Outgoing Chair

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(Reg Charity No. 302611)

ACCOUNTS for the year ending 31st December 2020

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

1. RECEIPTS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£
Subscriptions		
River Beavers	1,188.00	2,277.00
Lake Beavers	1,137.00	1,023.00
Lagoon Beavers	-	893.00
Rainforest Cubs	2,210.00	3,290.00
Jungle Cubs	1,535.00	2,487.00
Scouts	2,550.00	5,360.00
Less paid to District	<u>- 6,352.50</u>	<u>- 6,579.00</u>
	2,267.50	8,751.00
Investment income		
Group	188.34	206.25
Voluntary sources		
Donations		
General donations (includes Linskey Fund)	202.56	300.25
Winder Wall	4,681.41	-
Local authority grant re Covid	10,000.00	-
Hall Hire	1,771.00	3,715.00
Minibus (includes sale of old minibus)	<u>3,341.73</u>	<u>846.00</u>
	19,996.70	4,861.25
Fund raising		
Jumble sales	-	1,630.72
Xmas Market & Carnival	-	3,148.85
Christmas Post	163.20	-
Quiz	-	1,434.91
DVD Sales	<u>119.45</u>	<u>-</u>
	282.65	6,214.48
Activities		
River Beavers	-	24.00
Lake Beavers	70.00	642.80
Lagoon Beavers	-	60.00
Rainforest Cubs	130.00	75.00
Jungle Cubs	170.00	-
Scouts	<u>3,262.00</u>	<u>8,940.48</u>
	3,632.00	9,742.28
Miscellaneous		
Group - Solar Panels	1,870.62	1,816.80
River Beavers	-	-
Lake Beavers	-	-
Lagoon Beavers	-	-
Rainforest Cubs	-	240.00
Jungle Cubs	-	27.75
Scouts	156.04	-
Explorers	<u>31.59</u>	<u>-</u>
	2,058.25	2,084.55
Gift Aid	15,352.96	-
Group Camp	-	-
Misc Income	174.81	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR YEAR	<u>43,953.21</u>	<u>31,859.81</u>

During the year ended 31 December 2020, the UK was affected by the Coronavirus (Covid 19). To support charities during this time, the Government made various grants available. The Scout Group benefitted from a rates holiday (£1,056.40) and a one-off grant of £10,000, which was used to help cover the running costs of the facilities whilst in lockdown.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT CONT.

2. PAYMENTS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
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Gas & Electricity	1,326.32	1,428.19
Telephone	563.82	559.68
Water	151.50	241.56
Insurance	1,309.50	1,221.32
	<u>4,019.44</u>	<u>5,596.22</u>
Activities		
River Beavers	272.56	873.09
Lake Beavers	164.94	1,419.86
Lagoon Beavers	-	151.33
Rainforest Cubs	1,131.35	566.30
Jungle Cubs	566.38	1,241.81
Scouts	3,177.41	10,658.35
Group	36.40	353.97
Group Camp	-	-
	<u>5,349.04</u>	<u>15,264.71</u>
Fund Raising Expenses	51.26	-
Media expenses	325.52	-
Peter Linskey Fund - training	530.00	-
Administration		
Group	349.68	158.96
River Beavers	-	-
Lake Beavers	-	124.93
Lagoon Beavers	-	60.35
Rainforest Cubs	48.00	201.93
Jungle Cubs	225.07	360.48
Scouts	229.84	501.95
	<u>852.59</u>	<u>1,408.60</u>
Equipment		
Group	259.51	2,471.09
River Beavers	-	-
Lake Beavers	-	-
Lagoon Beavers	-	-
Rainforest Cubs	87.70	-
Jungle Cubs	-	157.84
Scouts	-	-
	<u>347.21</u>	<u>2,628.93</u>
Vehicle Expenses		
New Minibus & roof rack	-	11,323.66
Insurance	763.00	1,571.42
Road Tax	265.00	821.50
Running Costs	902.00	258.74
Other Expenses	117.72	100.37
Repairs	900.00	159.97
	<u>2,947.72</u>	<u>14,235.66</u>
Sundries		
Group	520.08	574.83
River Beavers	-	14.00
Lake Beavers	-	-
Lagoon Beavers	-	-
Rainforest Cubs	-	-
Jungle Cubs	-	-
Scouts	110.00	-
	<u>630.08</u>	<u>588.83</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR YEAR	<u>15,052.86</u>	<u>39,722.95</u>

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**Statement of Assets & Liabilities
at 31st December 2020**

	<u>2020</u> £	<u>2019</u> £
Monetary Assets		
Bank current accounts - Group	7,056.94	10,492.73
- River Beavers	3,303.33	2,554.33
- Lake Beavers	994.85	602.05
- Lagoon Beavers	-	-
- Rainforest Cubs	2,553.10	2,548.36
- Jungle Cubs	1,611.06	763.17
- Scouts	4,432.67	3,977.75
Bank deposit accounts - Group	30,000.00	0.58
Scout Association STI account	29,883.65	29,695.28
Cash in hand		
- Group	-	-
- River Beavers	89.41	384.97
- Lake Beavers	523.41	412.09
- Lagoon Beavers	-	-
- Rainforest Cubs	12.18	137.47
- Jungle Cubs	-	184.34
- Scouts	336.30	130.43
- Bus fund	232.81	245.81
	<u>81,029.71</u>	<u>52,129.36</u>
Non monetary assets (for charities own use)		
Land and buildings - Scout HQ - 21-23 Langley Road, Abbots Langley WD5 0EH		
Transport - Minibus and Trailers		
Fixtures and fittings in Scout HQ		
Scouting Equipment		
Liabilities	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY
FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Total receipts for the year (see page 2)	43,953.21	31,859.81
Total payments for the year (see page 3)	15,052.86	39,722.95
Net receipts (payments) for the year	<u>28,900.35</u>	<u>- 7,863.14</u>
Cash & bank funds brought forward	52,129.36	59,992.50
Cash & bank funds carried forward	<u>81,029.71</u>	<u>52,129.36</u>

The above account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on

and signed on their behalf by *Paul D. Berra* (Chair)

17/5/2021

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name ABBOTS LANGLEY SCOUT GROUP

On accounts for the year ended

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the Act);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed overleaf *):

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.

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

Signed

James Reeve

Date

10th October 2021

Name

JAMES REEVE

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Disclosure Section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems

Give here brief details of any items
that the examiner wishes to disclose

Not Applicable