

# 1ST KINGSTON HILL SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 303755

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1961-09-05

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** PURPOSES OF THE 1ST KINGSTON HILL SCOUT GROUP

**Activities:** Scouting!

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** KINGSTON HILL
- Kingston Upon Thames

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£70,759	£126,441	-	-
2024-03-31	£86,449	£51,509	-	-
2023-03-31	£58,074	£49,294	-	-
2022-03-31	£39,271	£44,089	-	-
2021-03-31	£40,280	£13,008	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Andrew Leslie Meek</b>	Chair	2023-09-30
Nathan Friel		2018-07-26
STEWART NASH		

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# Accounts

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Treasurer: Nathan Friel

Trustee: Stewart Nash

Trustees' Report 2025

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Each year, 1st Kingston Hill Scout Group celebrates Guy Fawkes' Night with a fireworks display. Tickets are made available to those who have children in attendance at the group. Tickets are priced affordably, as the event is not intended to make a surplus - with the objective of having fun and bringing together the 1KH community rather than making a surplus. There is a firework display, barbecue and bar.

Several times a year we invite parents to come and assist in maintenance of the Hall and field. This usually happens over the course of a weekend, which allows people to volunteer for a few hours, at a time of their choosing. The work usually involves redecorating, minor repairs, hedge trimming etc. The parental involvement helps reduce our maintenance bills and allows parents to meet the Leaders informally and for the parents to meet each other. It makes a huge difference to the enjoyment of our facilities.

Recently, a fund-raising group has formed, to help generate income. This has been led by a small number of highly motivated parents who want to volunteer. They have been willing to contribute their time and expertise to organise a Quingo evening and our first Summer Fair which raised £2,500.00 and matched funding increased that further. During the summer of 2025 they have gone on to produce our second Summer Fair. Thanks must go to Peter Grinsell, Emma Crowe, David

Jones, Paula Louzeiro, David Daporta Mendez and Andrew Meek for giving up their time and energy. Thanks also to David Parsons for donating the massive and ever popular bouncy castle. The objective of the fund raising is to invest in enhancements to 1KH for the benefit of its members. Examples include the climbing wall, an archery area, the Bunk House development and going forward the toilet block refurbishment.

## Objectives

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## Financial Review

1st Kingston Hill Scout Group operates with two bank accounts. The first (the Community Account) is used for day to day spending, while the second (Business Premium Account) is a savings account (which also holds deposit funds from hirers). The control mechanism for accessing both accounts is a complex mandate and it requires two signatories to release funds. Currently the signatories are the Chair, a Cub Leader and the Treasurer. The bank accounts are monitored through internet banking.

Balance of Community Account at year end was £5,017.47

Balance of Business Premium Account at year end was £19,134.20

## Income

Over the last year our overall income has decreased on the previous year from £86,449.04 to 70,758.89. Last years figures included a development loan of £25,000.00. Without the loan's distorting influence, our income has increased over the last year by £9,309.85.

Hall hire has remained popular with people choosing our Hall as a weekend venue to celebrate childrens parties and other events. Our parent volunteer Rebecca Parsons has done a great job managing the bookings. This involves communicating with hirers, taking deposits and managing the handover of keys. We are extremely grateful for her continued efforts, as it's a role that deals directly with the public and is certainly not always an easy task.

Hummingbirds Montessori Nursery continues to operate from and hire our premises, they are now in their third academic year. They open weekdays during term-time and have also started to offer extra provision during the holidays. Some

minor changes have occurred to facilitate the nursery, allocating them storage space for equipment and an office from which to base their business administration. They operate on a 'pack away' basis which helps to reduce the visual impact and retain the character of the Hall for the Scouts and other users. Our Savings Account holds deposit money (£1,400) from this enterprise. We have carried out our second rent review with their agreement. This was conducted primarily to cover the increase in energy costs and inflation.

Our usual termly subscriptions have increased from £42.50 per child to £47.50. We offer reduced rates for families unable to meet this cost, at our discretion on an individual basis. Our rates had remained unchanged for 5 years in order to make Scouting affordable to all. After conducting a review of subscription rates from other local groups, we realised that ours were significantly out of date. Subs were also found to be falling short of funding the Scouting meetings, Hall Hire was supplementing the shortfall. Subs also carry a Membership Fee that funds not only Royal Kingston District but also the larger Scouting movement.

Our camps have been continuing and are well attended. They are priced affordably to encourage good attendance and to make them attainable to most children. This year the venue was Great Tower campsite in the Lake District. This was a good opportunity for the children to experience activities such as ghyll scrambling, canoeing, rock climbing, pot-holing and other traditional camp activities. Given it's location, we organised coach transfer for the group. It was a great success.

During the year we received a donation of £919.20 from The Jack Petchey Foundation, this award celebrates achievements by young people, so well done all those involved.

This year we have had an enormous £600.00 donation from one of our parents, Luci Shippin. This generosity was in thanks for the influence the Group has had on her children. We really appreciate this donation, thank you Luci!

We were also the recipient of a £2,000.00 donation from the Charities Aid Foundation.

### Expenditure

Over the last year our expenditure has increased from £51,509.25 to £126,440.54.

We have taken the decision to replace The Store, which held all our camp and outdoor equipment. It had deteriorated to the point of becoming unsafe and was leaking. Improvements to our outdoor buildings has been critical to conducting Scouting in a safe environment. The rebuild cost was £57,680.00.

The old buiding was demolished to slab level and disposed of. Our contractor built a new timber frame structure upon low masonry walls. No planning permission was needed because it was of the equivalent size.

A linking roof canopy was built across to the MAC and the ground between the buildings was prepared with free draining gravel. In this area we have fitted a climbing traverse wall, it is low-level and only requires foam ground mats to safeguard any users.

The MAC's roof covering was also replaced. We purchased two steel flat-pack containers to store the camp equipment during the build. These will be useful in the future for additional storage in the grounds. Our Group Scout Leader supplied his electrical experience to the project. He also donated cable and electrical accessories to the project, so we have new power supplies to the Store, the MAC and another cable feed for potential external small power to the Field.

This building has been replaced with help from Royal Kingston District Scouts, who have made an interest free loan of £25,000.00 available. This loan was delivered and included in last years accounts. Nearly all of the expenditure from this project are within this years accounts. The terms of repayment of this loan are £150.00 per month, during the year we have repayed £1,800.00. We expect to make additional payments whenever funds are available.

Utilities have continued to increase, unfortunately the meter readings on our gas supply had not been updated for a long time. This led to a large sum being owed on this utility. We have been able to repay this amount and rebalance this account. Our insurance has been reappraised and this led to a small reduction in our premium. This year's figures also include internet-connection, a mobile phone and cleaning charges.

While spending on Scouting activities has again been considerable, mainly on camps and other evening activities. Previous investment in new camp equipment over the last few years has led us to be a very well equipped Group, this has made it easier and cheaper year on year to operate camps. We also spent money on Guy Fawkes' Night celebrations and a visit to Hampton Court Ice Rink for ice skating.

### Future Plans

Our Scout Group has maintained excellent numbers and offer Scouting to 72 children through Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. We also have 6 Young Leaders (age 14-18) and 15 Adult Leaders and 12 members of the BoT.

It's been great to have the equipment and facilities to allow regular camps to take place. Some of these have been in conjunction with Bournemouth 21st Scout Group and some of the children have become regular friends.

Areas for future improvement work are the toilets and the showers. We also hope to provide a safe structure for the Beavers to 'camp out' in the field. Currently they have to sleep inside the Hall during overnight events. One of our members has donated a double garage structure that could be converted into a camp bunkhouse for them to use.

We will continue to re-invest our rental income to support Scouting activities and to maintain and improve the 1<sup>st</sup> Kingston Hill facilities. We operate a prudent reserves policy designed to ensure we can meet 12 months of essential expenditure. From time to time our cash balance may exceed the reserve requirement as we build towards a significant premises improvement project.

### Recognition and Gratitude

As Trustees, we are really pleased to have overseen the various improvements and initiatives being taken at 1st Kingston Hill Scout Group. We look forward to continue to develop, challenge and support those young people in our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts communities. The investment and future plans noted above, will allow the Section Leaders and other volunteers to continue to provide varied and engaging activities in the future and to develop the 1<sup>st</sup> Kingston Hill site to ensure similar opportunities continue to be available for generations to come.

None of this would be possible without the tireless dedication and commitment of the Section Leaders and the myriad of volunteers that offer their time and experience to enhance the success of the Group. We would like to thank each and every individual that has given up their time to support 1<sup>st</sup> Kingston Hill Scout Group in 2024 and 2025 and express our sincere gratitude for your ongoing service and support.

Nathan Friel, Treasurer  
Andrew Meek, Chair  
Stewart Nash, Trustee

1st Kingston Hill Scouts 2024-25	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Totals	2022-24
<b>Income</b>														
<b>Refunds</b>	£420.88												£420.88	£924.80
<b>Membership subscriptions</b>	£134.42	£824.00	£2341.03	£85.42		£131.93	£1699.43	£1682.58	£91.92	£42.50	£841.68	£1408.17	£9283.08	£8903.28
<b>Gift Aid</b>													£0.00	£0.00
<b>Fund Raising</b>	£50.00	£111.05	£3234.18	£60.00	£350.00	£767.35	£1150.70	£1476.10	£50.00	£50.00		£2100.00	£9399.38	£34578.67
<b>Camps and Activities</b>	£3879.07	£2686.37	£3967.22	£7102.43	£30.91	£2210.04	£815.08	£253.67	£917.60	£522.99	£309.40	£1809.91	£24504.69	£17009.82
<b>Hall Hire</b>	£1125.00	£5787.07	£150.00	£601.49	£550.00	£8155.00	£600.00	£300.00	£1477.00	£750.00	£850.00	£6378.00	£26723.56	£24460.00
<b>Bank Interest</b>			£169.10		£110.56				£82.18			£65.46	£427.30	£572.47
<b>Total Income</b>	£5609.37	£9408.49	£9861.53	£7849.34	£1041.47	£11264.32	£4265.21	£3712.35	£2618.70	£1365.49	£2001.08	£11761.54	£70758.89	£86449.04
<b>Expenditure</b>														
<b>Camps and Activities</b>	£552.00		£671.10	£748.80	£5672.20			£1467.00				£30.00	£9141.10	£18940.25
<b>Expenses</b>	£18.00	£1949.37	£2444.33	£18.00	£4405.64	£1198.45	£530.72	£2991.40	£429.75	£411.80	£18.00	£18.00	£14433.46	£5779.40
<b>Badges, Uniforms and Leader Training</b>		£354.61										£345.40	£700.01	£546.84
<b>Van</b>			£800.00	£3552.00	£4200.00								£8552.00	£1500.00
<b>Property Maintenance</b>	£22725.00	£24310.00	£7700.00	£2205.50	£160.00	£1919.50		£160.00	£240.00				£59420.00	£8221.96
<b>Utilities</b>	£602.56	£578.90	£1007.20	£583.45	£2732.12	£2732.12	£2732.11	£2738.19	£2860.58	£2806.44	£2809.92	£1507.22	£23690.81	£9304.67
<b>Refund</b>								£100.00				£150.00	£250.00	£143.00
<b>Insurance</b>	£2885.16												£2885.16	£2985.16
<b>Capitation</b>											£5568.00		£5568.00	£4088.00
<b>Loan Repayment</b>				£150.00	£600.00	£150.00	£150.00	£150.00	£150.00	£150.00	£150.00	£150.00	£1800.00	£0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	£26782.72	£27192.88	£12622.63	£7257.75	£17769.96	£6000.07	£3412.83	£7606.59	£3680.33	£3368.24	£8545.92	£2200.62	£126440.54	£51509.28
<b>Balance</b>													-£55681.65	£34939.76
<b>Total Funds</b>													£24151.67	£79833.32



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

### Independent examiner's report on the accounts

**Report to the trustees**

Charity Name

1st KINGSTON HILL SCOUT GROUP

On accounts for the year  
ended 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

303755

**Set out on pages**

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Responsibilities and basis  
of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025

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:

Date:

06/01/26 *Katherine Ferguson*

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Balance of Community Account at year end was £27,311.03

Balance of Business Premium Account at year end was £52,522.29

## Income

Over the last year our overall income has increased on the previous year from £58,073.44 to £86,449.04. This years figures include a development loan of £25,000.00. Without the loan our income would be £61,449.04, a small increase on last year.

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During the year we received a donation of £2100.00 from The Jack Petchey Foundation, this award celebrates achievements by young people, so well done all those involved.

### Expenditure

Over the last year our expenditure has increased from £49,294.76 to £51,509.25.

Improvements to our outdoor buildings has been critical to conducting Scouting in a safe environment. We have taken the decision to replace The Store. It had deteriorated to the point of becoming unsafe and was leaking. This building has been replaced with help from Royal Kingston District Scouts, who have made available an interest free loan of £25,000.00. This loan affects this year's accounts and many of the costs associated with this project will be shown in the next accounting period. The loan terms of repayment are £250.00 per month but we expect to make additional payments whenever funds are available.

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As Trustees, we are really pleased to have overseen the return to 'in person Scouting' and also the various improvements and initiatives being taken at 1st Kingston Hill Scout Group to continue to develop, challenge and support those young people in our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts communities. The investment and future plans noted above, will allow the Section Leaders and other volunteers to continue to provide varied and engaging activities in the future and to develop the 1<sup>st</sup> Kingston Hill site to ensure similar opportunities continue to be available for generations to come.

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Nathan Friel, Treasurer  
Andrew Meek, Chair

Table 1

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<b>Income</b>																
<b>Donations/Refunds</b>				£924.80											£924.80	£12.73
<b>Membership subscriptions</b>		£192.71	£2327.56	£230.43		£37.33	£165.33	£2638.64	£91.40	£40.51	£42.50	£2701.06	£435.81		£8903.28	£9266.10
<b>Gift Aid</b>															£0.00	£0.00
<b>Fund Raising</b>		£1618.22	£600.00	£1200.00	£197.90	£915.05	£1604.51	£838.93	£1190.24	£250.00	£75.00	£357.60	£25731.22		£34578.67	£2737.89
<b>Camps and Activities</b>		£2649.97	£2681.23	£6055.42	£1963.14		£1695.00		£218.91	£433.86	£1312.29				£17009.82	£16656.68
<b>Hall Hire</b>		£868.00	£350.00	£5510.00	£400.00	£400.00	£6580.00	£606.00	£650.00	£300.00	£6210.00	£1986.00	£600.00		£24460.00	£29325.00
<b>Bank Interest</b>				£81.35			£118.78			£171.15			£201.19		£572.47	£75.04
<b>Total Income</b>		£5328.90	£5958.79	£14002.00	£2561.04	£1352.38	£10163.62	£4083.57	£2150.55	£1195.52	£7639.79	£5044.66	£26968.22		£86449.04	£58073.44
<b>Expenditure</b>																
<b>Camps and Activities</b>				£700.00	£10892.32	£236.25	£2746.25	£742.75	£108.72	£2062.09		£834.00	£617.87		£18940.25	£20103.90
<b>Expenses</b>		£388.39		£925.09	£1427.57	£18.00	£350.83	£18.00	£624.48	£1973.04	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00		£5779.40	£7095.80
<b>Badges, Uniforms and Leader Training</b>		£125.84		£60.00						£111.00			£250.00		£546.84	£2049.37
<b>Van</b>					£1500.00										£1500.00	£0.00
<b>Property Maintenance</b>		£48.00	£96.00	£192.00	£144.00	£96.00		£210.00		£360.00	£415.00	£160.00	£6500.96		£8221.96	£7056.56
<b>Utilities</b>		£654.71	£655.75	£908.52	£779.19	£1146.94	£774.39	£794.55	£799.39	£799.39	£594.39	£600.98	£796.47		£9304.67	£5886.27
<b>Refund</b>			£50.00		£93.00										£143.00	£605.00
<b>Insurance</b>			£2985.16												£2985.16	£2634.50
<b>Capitation</b>												£4088.00			£4088.00	£3862.50
<b>Bank Charges</b>															£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		£1216.94	£3786.91	£2785.61	£14836.08	£1497.19	£3871.47	£1765.30	£1532.59	£5305.52	£1027.39	£5700.98	£8183.30		£51509.28	£49293.90
<b>Balance</b>															£34939.76	£8779.28
<b>Total Funds</b>															£79833.32	£44893.56



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  
Kingsdon Hill Scout Group

On accounts for the year ended

Mar 2024

Charity no (if any)  
803755

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(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 03 / 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 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 detailed 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
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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:

*Ben Cox*

Date: 12/11/2024

Name:

BEN COX

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

COMPANY DIRECTOR

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Oct 2018

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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.

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Oct 2018

**1ST KINGSTON HILL SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 303755

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# Accounts

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1st Kingston Hill Scout Group  
Registration Number: 303755  
250 Park Road  
Kingston upon Thames  
KT2 5LJ

Trustees  
Chair: Andrew Meek  
Treasurer: Nathan Timothy Friel  
Trustee: Stewart Nash

#### Trustees' Report 2023

This report covers the period 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023.

#### Structure

1st Kingston Hill Scout Group operates primarily as a centre for Scouting activities for young people.

There are three Sections, Beavers (age 6-8), Cubs (age 8-10.5) and Scouts (age 10.5-14). Scouting is inclusive, all children are welcome to join regardless of gender, religion or ethnicity.

1st Kingston Hill Scout Group operates a waiting list policy for all Sections. The Beaver group in particular is over subscribed. In order to manage the Beaver waiting list, children must be a minimum of 5 years old to apply.

Once a child leaves Scouts at 14 years of age they can join an Explorer Group (age 14-18) within the district. They can then volunteer through a Young Leader Scheme, in which they will continue their journey through Scouting by assisting the young people. It is hoped that they can start to share the knowledge and skills gained and take on small responsibilities to help the Leaders.

Each Section has a qualified Adult Leader, registered with Scouting UK. They are assisted by another registered adult and often by Young Leaders. We also encourage parent helpers to attend our meetings. All assistance and involvement is provided on a voluntary basis.

1st Kingston Hill Scout Group operates a Group Executive Committee (GEC). This comprises elected members including the Treasurer and usually one other Trustee. At meetings, these members invite all Scout Leaders (and any assistants), a Secretary and Parental Representatives are also encouraged to attend. Meetings are formally recorded and minuted to provide a report for any actions necessary.

It would be great to continue to spend funds on Scouting activities like camps now that numbers are up and social distancing has eased.

Some more expenditure may be required to improve the MAC to fulfil its potential on the inside and outside. Other areas meriting future improvement would be the toilets and the Store. We are actively working towards a complete rebuild of the store and are fundraising to further this project.

We will continue to re-invest our rental income to support Scouting activities and to will and improve the 1st Kingston Hill facilities. We operate a prudent reserves policy designed to ensure we can meet 12 months of essential expenditure. From time to time our cash balance may exceed the reserve requirement as we build towards a significant premises improvement project.

We are particularly interested in replacing 'The Store', which is the building that occupies the land behind the car park. This building is very old and has become a concern, we have made some structural remedial works to lengthen its life but it is going to become unsafe in the near future. We would like to replace the building with another of the same size to mitigate any planning issues and to continue to benefit from the ample storage it provides. We will certainly have to raise a significant amount of money and likely borrow some, to be able to fund this project.

#### Recognition and Gratitude

As Trustees, we are really pleased to have overseen the return to 'in person Scouting' and to see the various improvements and initiatives being taken at 1st Kingston Hill Scout Group to continue to develop, challenge and support those young people in our Beaver, Cub and Scout communities. The investment and future plans noted above will, along with the Section Leaders and other volunteers to continue to provide varied and engaging activities in the future and to develop the 1st Kingston Hill site to ensure similar opportunities continue to be available for generations to come.

None of this would be possible without the tireless dedication and commitment of the Section Leaders and the myriad of volunteers that offer their time and experience to enhance the success of the Group. We would like to thank each and every individual that has given up their time to support 1st Kingston Hill Scout Group in 2022 and 2023 and express our sincere gratitude for your ongoing service and support.

Nathan Friel, Treasurer  
Andrew Meek, Chair

#### Financial Review

1st Kingston Hill Scout Group operates with two bank accounts. The first is used behind the scenes for spending, the Community Account, while the second is a savings account. The Community Account (which also holds deposit funds from here), is used as a mechanism for releasing funds to the Scouts. The Community Account requires two signatures to release funds. Currently the Treasurer and the Chair and Treasurer. The bank accounts are monitored through internet banking.

Balance of Community Account at year end was £5,097.74

Balance of Business Premium Account at year end was £38,795.82

#### Income

Over the last year our overall income has increased on the previous year from £39,271.68 to £58,073.41.

Hill hire has remained popular with people choosing our Hall as a weekend venue to celebrate childrens parties and other events. Our new parent volunteers have stepped into the role of managing the bookings. This involves communicating with hire companies, managing the handover of keys. We are extremely grateful for their continued efforts in a role that deals directly with the public and is certainly not always an easy task.

Hummingbirds Montessori Nursery continues to operate from and hire our premises, they are now in their third academic year. They open weekdays during term-time and have continued to offer extra provision during the holidays. Some minor changes have occurred in the way we manage the property, allocating them storage space for equipment and an office from which we manage their day to day administration. They operate on a 'pack away' basis which helps to reduce the visual impact and retain the character of the Hall for the Scouts and other users. Our Savings Account holds deposit money (£1,400) from this enterprise.

During the COVID pandemic following advice from Scouting UK, meetings were conducted on digital platforms. We have returned to our traditional meetings in the Hall. We have instigated a policy that includes measures to control meetings in the event of infectious diseases. These measures include one-way systems of entry and exit, sanitising stations, temperature checks and increased communications when persons are unwell. This way we were able to offer quality meetings during the period. Even though this has led to extra work for our Leaders it has made Scouting a lot safer for everyone.

Our usual termly subscriptions are £42.50 per child. We offer reduced rates for families unable to meet this cost, at our discretion on an individual basis. Our rates have remained at this price point for 4 years, during the pandemic we cancelled subscriptions and only asked for donations due to Scouting being conducted on digital platforms at that time. We have continued to make use of this technology

The Hall at 250 Park Road is used for Scout meetings and activities and the field behind is used for outdoor activities and camps. When the Hall is not being used for Scouting activities at weekends and evenings, it is available for the public to hire as a venue. The bookings are administered by a parent volunteer.

During School term-time the Hummingbirds Montessori Nursery hires the Hall and field during the day for their own use. They offer day care for children between the ages of 2.5-5 years of age.

#### Activities

1st Kingston Hill Scout Group operates during School term-time. Each Section meets once a week to develop new skills. Each child is encouraged to develop as an individual and to be part of a group. Each weekly meeting will feature a ceremony, some learning and a challenge. Progress can allow the child to receive a badge as a mark of their achievement.

Other activities throughout the year include overnight camps, which are conducted at 1st Kingston Hill or at other campsites. The aim is to have several camps each year. These include Summer Camp, Winter Camp, Survival Camp and a Young Leaders' Camp. When the children are at our premises we can use the large field and offer the shelter of the Hall to younger members if the weather is poor.

Each year, 1st Kingston Hill Scout Group celebrates Guy Fawkes' Night with a fireworks display. Tickets are made available to those who have children in attendance at the group, tickets are priced affordably, as the event is not intended to make a surplus. There is a firework display, barbecue and bar.

Several times a year we invite parents to come and assist in maintenance of the Hall and field. This usually happens over the course of a weekend, which allows people to volunteer for a few hours at a time of their choosing. The work usually involves redecorating, minor repairs, hedge trimming etc. The parental involvement helps to reduce maintenance bills and allows parents to meet the Leaders informally and for the parents to meet each other. It makes a huge difference to the enjoyment of our facilities.

#### Objectives

1st Kingston Hill Scout Group engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

During Group Executive Committee (GEC) meetings, if people cannot attend in person.

It has been possible to restart activities like camps. These have been sorely missed over the past few years. Our camps are currently working to encourage good attendance and to make them attainable to most children. Parents from Hill hire contributes to make up the shortfall in funds which last year was 20%.

During the year we received three donations of £300.00 from The Jack Petchey Foundation, this award celebrates achievements by young people, so well done all involved.

#### Expenditure

Over the last year our expenditure has increased from £44,089.26 to £49,294.76.

Expenditure is up this year mainly due to camps restarting. We have spent some money on replacing aging camp equipment that had become unusable. Camps are a good opportunity for children to try adventurous activities. Camp activities this year included Climbing, Potholing, Crate-stacking and Cresta-run sledging. Summer camp also included a trip to Legoland.

Large amounts of repairs and improvements have been achieved over the last few years and have helped to reduce our maintenance bills recently. We have invested in some new fencing in the field. This has allowed us to secure equipment solely used for Scouting purposes behind a barrier. We also now have two enclosed areas which are suitable for activities like Archery, Fire-lighting and Woodcraft, all of which are safer with this new containment.

Improvements have been made to the outdoor buildings and we can now offer Air Rifle and Pistol shooting in a safe environment.

We have invested in a defibrillator which hopefully won't ever be necessary to use. Utilities and Insurance have continued to increase, although this year's figures now include both internet-connection and cleaning charges.

Spending on Scouting activities has been up on recent years, due mainly to camps starting again. We also spent money on Guy Fawkes' Night celebrations and a visit to Hampton Court Ice Rink for ice skating.

#### Future Plans

Our Scout Group has survived the pandemic in good shape, we are now back to regular meetings and activities. We have maintained excellent numbers and now offer Scouting to 75 children through Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. We also have 5 Young Leaders (age 14-18) and 9 Adult Leaders and 12 members of the GEC.

Table 1

1st Kingston Hill Scouts 2022-23		April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March		Totals	2021-22
<b>Income</b>																
<b>Donations</b>			12.73												£12.73	£130.00
<b>Membership subscriptions</b>		337.50	2510.68	165.58		85.00	127.50	2795.35	325.64	167.22	252.22	1233.30	1266.11		£9266.10	£7706.81
<b>Gift Aid</b>															£0.00	£0.00
<b>Fund Raising</b>			1237.31	400.00				300.00		600.00		200.58			£2737.89	£1532.59
<b>Camps and Activities</b>		2634.62	2628.90	3812.42	266.45	2743.02	275.10	1378.81	890.20	607.27	237.73	112.50	1069.66		£16656.68	£5104.50
<b>Hall Hire</b>		5260.00	3420.00	560.00	1920.00	360.00	7060.00	1840.00	625.00	400.00	6360.00	400.00	1120.00		£29325.00	£24795.32
<b>Bank Interest</b>				2.29			9.33			18.05			45.37		£75.04	£2.46
<b>Total Income</b>		£8232.12	£9809.62	£4940.29	£2186.45	£3188.02	£7471.93	£6314.16	£1840.84	£1792.54	£6849.95	£1946.38	£3501.14		£58073.44	£39271.68
<b>Expenditure</b>																
<b>Camps and Activities</b>			990.67	300.00	9074.96	1671.91	215.26	821.66	5594.64		914.00	520.80			£20103.90	£3830.79
<b>Expenses</b>		990.00	2424.66	349.00	926.84				224.10	1372.79	449.13	359.28			£7095.80	£9020.53
<b>Badges, Uniforms and Leader Training</b>			580.04	747.87					611.46			110.00			£2049.37	£0.00
<b>Van</b>															£0.00	£0.00
<b>Property Maintenance</b>			177.90	949.46	2648.88	2537.23		87.48	655.61						£7056.56	£21306.00
<b>Utilities</b>		213.54	163.38	430.02	417.45	457.95	396.33	406.73	458.11	640.38	500.92	1009.23	792.23		£5886.27	£4335.59
<b>Refund</b>			590.00								15.00				£605.00	£170.00
<b>Insurance</b>		2634.76													£2634.76	£2546.35
<b>Capitation</b>												3862.50			£3862.50	£2880.00
<b>Bank Charges</b>															£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		£3838.30	£4926.65	£2776.35	£13068.13	£4667.09	£611.59	£1315.87	£7543.92	£2013.17	£1879.05	£5861.81	£792.23		£49294.16	£44089.26
<b>Balance</b>															£8779.28	
<b>Total Funds 2021-22</b>															£29358.78	
<b>Total Funds 2022-23</b>															£38138.06	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
1ST KINGSTON HILL SCOUT GROUP

On accounts for the year ended

31-03-2023 Charity no (if any) 303755

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(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 31/03/2023.

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

[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 ~~(either then that disclosed below)~~ which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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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:

*Ariane Novak*

Name:

Ariane Novak

Date: 14-9-2023

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

Certified Public Accountant CPA

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Section B

Disclosure

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

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**1ST KINGSTON HILL SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 303755

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# Accounts

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1st Kingston Hill Scout Group

Registration Number: 303755  
293 Park Road  
Kingston upon Thames  
KT2 5LY

Trustees

Chair: Graham George Clive McDonald

Treasurer: Nathan Timothy Friel

Trustee: Stewart Nash

Trustee's Report 2022

This report covers the period 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022.

### Structure

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The Hall at 293 Park Road is used for Scout meetings and activities and the field behind is used for outdoor activities and camps. When the Hall is not being used

for Scouting activities at weekends and evenings, it is available for the public to hire as a venue. The bookings are administered by a parent volunteer.

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## Activities

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Other activities throughout the year include overnight camps, which are conducted either on the field at our Hall or on other campsites. The aim is to have three camps each year, Summer Camp, Winter Camp and a Young Leaders Camp.

Each year, 1st Kingston Hill Scout Group celebrates Guy Fawkes Night with a fireworks display. Tickets are made available to those who have children in attendance at the group. Tickets are priced affordably, as the event is not intended to make a surplus. There is a firework display, barbecue and bar.

Several times a year we invite parents to come and assist in maintenance of the Hall and field. This usually happens over the course of a weekend, which allows people to volunteer for a few hours at a time of their choosing. The work usually involves redecorating, minor repairs, hedge trimming etc. The parental involvement helps reduce our maintenance bills and allows parents to meet the Leaders informally.

## Objectives

1st Kingston Hill Scout Group engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

## Financial Review

1st Kingston Hill Scout Group operates with two bank accounts. The first is used for day to day spending, while the second is a savings account (which also holds deposit funds from hirers). The control mechanism for accessing both accounts is a complex mandate and it requires two signatories to release funds. Currently the signatories are the Chair and Treasurer. The bank accounts are monitored through internet banking.

Balance of Current Account at year end was £27,355.78

Balance of Savings Account at year end was £8,661.66

Over the last year our overall income has decreased slightly on the previous year to £39,271.68

Hall hire has remained popular with people choosing to celebrate events again after the pandemic. Our parent volunteer Simon Allen, who managed the Hall bookings has chosen to step down after serving for seven years. We are extremely grateful to him for his work in this role. He streamlined and formalised the bookings process, increased the rental to reflect local rates, introduced Hummingbirds Montessori Nursery and helped establish them as our primary hirer. We have been very fortunate to have had him during this period. He has now handed over to Rebecca Parsons; who has taken on the role.

Hummingbirds Montessori Nursery is now in its second academic year, operating weekdays during term-time. Some minor changes have occurred to facilitate the nursery, allocating them storage space for equipment and an office from which to base their business administration. They operate on a 'pack away' basis which helps to reduce the visual impact and retain the character of the Hall for the Scouts and other users. We have renegotiated our hire contract with them this year, it now reflects the changes to our overheads and their growth as a business. Our Savings Account holds deposit money (£1,400) from this enterprise.

In line with advice from Scouting UK, meetings have been conducted on digital platforms during the pandemic. Consequently we asked for reduced rates/donations during these times.

Although it has been safe to run face-to-face meetings again. It has not always been easy to make the transition from Covid, it has required various adaptations to allow attendance and extra work for our Leaders.

Our usual termly subscriptions are £42.50 per child. We offer reduced rates for families unable to meet this cost at our discretion on an individual basis.

Over the last year our expenditure has increased to £44,089.26

Expenditure is up significantly this year. Our financial position last year was strong, we had been the recipient of a generous grant from Kingston upon Thames Council and had established Hummingbirds as a long term hirer. Significant funds had been built up and it was felt that we should use these to improve the facilities for Scouts and hirers.

Large amounts of repairs and improvements have been achieved over the last few years and have helped to reduce our maintenance bills recently. We have invested in a new ride-on lawn mower to the delight of our Head Groundsman Woody. He has provided us with free mowing and lawn care since the Late Jurassic period, a fantastic effort.

We have completed a landscaping project to improve the car park and rear of the Hall. Both these areas have been affected by poor drainage and degraded surfaces. We employed a contractor to place two soakaways and connect drainage to remove excessive rainwater. The car park now has a new tarmac surface, sleeper wall planter and bollards to prevent illegal parking. The area to the rear of the Hall has a sandstone patio which connects the car park to the field and rear door. Both the front and rear door now have full wheelchair access.

Utilities and insurance have increased and will most likely continue to do so significantly in the future. We now have an internet connection and modem in the Scout Hall to provide users with data and internet connection.

Spending on Scouting activities has been up on recent years, due to the ending of the pandemic. Preparations and investment has been made for the forthcoming 2022 Summer Camp. Everybody is looking forward to being able to hold these sorts of events again more frequently.

### Future Plans

It would be great to continue to spend funds on Scouting activities like camps now that social distancing has been relaxed.

Some more expenditure may be required to the MAC to fulfil its potential on the inside and outside. We have plans to improve the perimeter of the field to separate areas for Scouting use only. Other areas meriting future improvement work are the toilets and the Store.

We will continue to re-invest our rental income to support Scouting activities and to maintain and improve the 1<sup>st</sup> Kingston Hill facilities. We operate a prudent reserves policy designed to ensure we can meet 12 months of essential expenditure. From time to time our cash balance may exceed the reserve requirement as we build towards a significant premises improvement project..

Nathan Friel  
Treasurer

Table 1

1st Kingston Hill Scouts 2020-21		April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March		Totals	2020-21
<b>Income</b>																
<b>Donations</b>			100.00					30.00							£130.00	£0.00
<b>Membership subscriptions</b>		168.00	313.00	645.50	83.50	295.00	840.50	958.80	301.10	260.43	825.20	1451.82	1563.96		£7706.81	£931.00
<b>Gift Aid</b>															£0.00	£0.00
<b>Fund Raising</b>		853.94	115.65				173.00	175.00	215.00						£1532.59	£10447.35
<b>Camps and Activities</b>					265.00	2377.00	832.50	930.00	100.00		400.00	80.00	120.00		£5104.50	£236.50
<b>Hall Hire</b>		840.00	3940.00	1397.00	400.00	1245.00	5600.00	1229.25	2433.35	510.00	5360.00	1030.00	810.72		£24795.32	£28661.72
<b>Bank Interest</b>				0.53			0.59			0.70			0.64		£2.46	£3.74
<b>Total Income</b>		£1861.94	£4468.65	£2043.03	£748.50	£3917.00	£7446.59	£3323.05	£3049.45	£771.13	£6585.20	£2561.82	£2495.32		£39271.68	£40280.31
<b>Expenditure</b>																
<b>Camps and Activities</b>							1866.20	1291.27	673.32						£3830.79	£1731.13
<b>Expenses</b>		4273.67					4200.01		135.34		337.03		74.48		£9020.53	£682.00
<b>Badges, Uniforms and Leader Training</b>															£0.00	£49.00
<b>Van</b>															£0.00	£0.00
<b>Property Maintenance</b>				306.00					21000.00						£21306.00	£1879.42
<b>Utilities</b>		500.61	500.61	422.61	433.27	426.74	427.50	365.74	204.74	204.74	262.74	376.35	209.94		£4335.59	£3936.76
<b>Refund</b>			120.00								50.00				£170.00	£0.00
<b>Insurance</b>			2546.35												£2546.35	£2461.36
<b>Capitation</b>													2880.00		£2880.00	£2268.00
<b>Bank Charges</b>															£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		£4774.28	£3166.96	£728.61	£433.27	£426.74	£6493.71	£1657.01	£22013.40	£204.74	£649.77	£376.35	£3164.42		£44089.26	£13007.67
<b>Balance</b>																-£4817.58
<b>Total Funds 2020-21</b>															£34176.36	
<b>Total Funds 2021-22</b>															£29358.78	



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 Kingston Hill Scout Group

On accounts for the year  
ended

31-03-22

Charity no  
(if any) 303755

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basis of report

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Independent  
examiner's statement

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Signed:

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Date:

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Oct 2018

**1ST KINGSTON HILL SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 303755

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# Accounts

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1st Kingston Hill Scout Group

Registration Number: 303755  
293 Park Road  
Kingston upon Thames  
KT2 5LY

Trustees

Chair: Graham George Clive McDonald

Treasurer: Nathan Friel

Trustee: Stewart Nash

Trustee's Report 2021

This report covers the period 01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021.

### Structure

1st Kingston Hill Scout Group operates primarily as a centre for Scouting activities for young people.

There are three Sections, Beavers (age 6-8), Cubs (age 8-10.5) and Scouts (age 10.5-14). Scouts is inclusive, all children are welcome to join regardless of gender, religion or ethnicity.

1st Kingston Hill Scout Group operates a waiting-list policy for all Sections. The Beaver group in particular is over subscribed.

Once a child leaves Scouts at 14 years of age they can continue in Scouting through a Young Leader Scheme, in which they will continue their journey through Scouting by assisting the younger age Sections.

Each Section has a qualified adult Leader, registered with Scouting UK. They are assisted by another registered adult and often by young leaders as well. We also encourage parents to attend our meetings occasionally to assist. All assistance and involvement is provided on a voluntary basis.

1st Kingston Hill Scout Group operates a Group Executive Committee (GEC). This comprises elected members, Chair, Treasurer and usually one other Trustee. At meetings, these members invite along Section Leaders (and any assistants), a Secretary and Parental Representatives are also encouraged to attend. Meetings are formally recorded and minuted to provide a report for any actions necessary.

The Hall at 293 Park Road is used for Scout meetings and activities and the field behind is used for outdoor activities and camps. When the Hall is not being used for Scouting activities at weekends and evenings, it is available for the public to hire as a venue. The bookings are administered by a parent volunteer.

During School term-time the Hummingbirds Montessori Nursery hire the Hall and field during the day for their own use.

### Activities

1st Kingston Hill Scout Group operates during School term-time. Each Section meets once a week to develop new skills. Each child is encouraged to develop as an individual and as part of a group. Each weekly meeting will feature a ceremony, some learning and a physical activity. Progress can allow the child to receive a badge as a token of their achievement.

Other activities throughout the year include overnight camps, which are conducted either on the field at our Hall or on other campsites. Each year 1st Kingston Hill Scout Group celebrates Guy Fawkes Night with a fireworks display. Tickets are made available to those who have children in attendance at the group. Several times a year we invite parents to come and assist in maintenance of the Hall and field. This usually happens over the course of a weekend.

### Objectives

1st Kingston Hill Scout Group engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

### Financial Review

1st Kingston Hill Scout Group operates with two bank accounts. One is used for day to day activity and one is a savings account and also holds deposit funds from hirers. The control mechanism for accessing both accounts is a complex mandate and it requires two signatories to release funds. Currently the signatories are the Chair and Treasurer. The bank accounts are monitored through internet banking.

Balance of Current Account at year end was £21,021.70

Balance of Savings Account at year end was £19,813.32

Over the last year our overall income has increased on the previous year to £40,280.31

Hall hire has remained popular during times when social distancing has been relaxed. The major change has been the opening of Hummingbirds Montessori Nursery, which is operating weekdays during term-time. Some minor changes have occurred to facilitate the nursery, allocating them storage space for equipment and an office from which to base their business administration. These changes have been conducted to reduce the visual impact and retain the character

of the Hall for the Scouts and other users. Our Savings Account holds deposit money (£1,400) from this enterprise.

Subscriptions have been modified this year to compensate for the impact of the pandemic. It has not always been possible or safe to run face-to-face meetings. In line with advice from Scouting UK meetings have often been conducted through digital platforms. Consequently we asked for reduced rates/donations during these times. Our usual termly subscriptions remain at £42.00 per child. We offer reduced rates for families unable to meet this cost at our discretion on an individual basis.

We have been the recipient of a £10,000.00 non-refundable grant from the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames. This funding was directed at community assets; it reflects not only the youth-work the Scouts are involved with, but also the use of the Hall as a hire venue, the Montessori nursery and the Hall's occasional use as a voting station. This grant has compensated for the enormous loss in money taken subscriptions.

Over the last year our expenditure has reduced to £13,007.67

Expenditure is down slightly this year. Most areas of spending have remained constant but our property maintenance costs have been reduced the most. The large amount of repairs and improvements achieved over the last few years have been good investments and have helped to reduce our maintenance bills recently. Utilities and insurance have increased and will most likely continue to do so. Spending on Scouting activities has been well down on recent years, this is a shame but is due to the pandemic.

### Future Plans

We expect to get back to face-to-face Scouting mostly full time, but we must expect the occasional Coronavirus interruption. It would be great to be able to spend some funds on Scouting activities like camps again.

Hopefully the Hummingbirds Nursery will continue to be based at the Hall and continue to contribute to our maintenance funds and benefit the Scouts and wider community. We intend to improve the car parking area which is in poor condition and holds surface water during storms. Another investment would be to replace our ailing ride-on mower to help keep the field in good condition. We shall use some of our surplus funds to pay for these improvements rather than keep excessive reserves in the bank account.

Nathan Friel  
Treasurer

Table 1

1st Kingston Hill Scouts 2020-21		April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Totals
<b>Income</b>														
<b>Donations</b>														£0.00
<b>Membership subscriptions</b>									£42.00	£84.00		£553.00	£252.00	£931.00
<b>Gift Aid</b>														£0.00
<b>Fund Raising</b>		£10000.00	£447.35											£10447.35
<b>Camps and Activities</b>		£60.00	£50.00						£18.00	£7.00	£1.50	£100.00		£236.50
<b>Hall Hire</b>				£5230.00			£5440.00	£560.00	£340.00	£2328.00	£7363.72	£4800.00	£2600.00	£28661.72
<b>Bank Interest</b>				£1.60			£1.36			£0.37			£0.41	£3.74
<b>Total Income</b>		£10060.00	£497.35	£5231.60	£0.00	£0.00	£5441.36	£560.00	£400.00	£2419.37	£7365.22	£5453.00	£2852.41	£40280.31
<b>Expenditure</b>														
<b>Camps and Activities</b>		£1086.18								£249.95	£360.00		£35.00	£1731.13
<b>Expenses</b>							£160.00		£522.00					£682.00
<b>Badges, Uniforms and Leader Training</b>										£49.00				£49.00
<b>Van</b>														£0.00
<b>Property Maintenance</b>		£518.42							£500.00	£204.00		£657.00		£1879.42
<b>Utilities</b>		£194.61	£146.18	£148.04	£137.60	£207.26	£297.61	£297.61	£505.41	£500.61	£500.61	£500.61	£500.61	£3936.76
<b>Rates</b>														£0.00
<b>Insurance</b>		£2461.36												£2461.36
<b>Capitation</b>												£2268.00		£2268.00
<b>Bank Charges</b>														£0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		£4260.57	£146.18	£148.04	£137.60	£207.26	£457.61	£297.61	£1527.41	£1003.56	£860.61	£3425.61	£535.61	£13007.67
<b>Balance</b>														£27272.64
<b>Total Funds 2019-20</b>														£6903.72
<b>Total Funds 2020-21</b>														£34176.36



**Independent examiner's report on  
the accounts**

**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

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**On accounts for the year  
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