

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2022-2023

Firstly I would like to say how proud I still am of all the members of WF15, the Young People, the Leaders and the Trustees for how they have continued to engage in Scouting and to keep smiling throughout the year and their enthusiasm which has made us grow.

We are still in a good financial position, but we do need to fundraise to maintain this, so if you can think of anything that we can do, we would really appreciate your ideas.

I am really pleased to say that the Squirrel Drey is thriving and the Explorer Unit which started in June continues to grow.

I would like to thank all the parents/guardians of the Young People. Without your support by bringing them to meetings and events, it means that they would not get such a varied programme.

I would like to thank the Trustees for everything they do. They continue to help out where they can, whether it is helping at a Section or getting the new light bulbs!

I do want to say a personal thank you from my heart to the trustees and all the leaders who have supported me this year with a few personal issues. I really appreciate your love and patience.

Of course this year has been a difficult one. On the morning of 17th December 2022, members of the Group were doing the Christmas Post sort and were happy as larry. Everything changed in the afternoon due to the burst pipe!

I would like to thank everyone who has helped us in some way to get us back to our own Headquarters. To all the leaders, even if not in our Group, parents, young people and family members who came and helped sweep up, remove items and pull the floor up, so the building was empty for renovation. I think Jodie loved pulling the floor up and I am not sure if she wants a job now in demolition!

To our friends at WF6 who let us use their building whilst this was going on, which meant that the Group could continue.

I would especially like to thank Paul Goodyear, our Deputy District Commissioner and our Project Manager for everything that he has done for us.

I do need to thank David Harris who has stepped down as our Treasurer for his time and effort and to welcome Paul Fice as his replacement. I am looking forward to working with you.

My last thanks is to our Lesley, who has kept this Group running. The Group Scout Leader/Beaver Leader (one special lady) who has kept us all in check. Me included! I really am happy to call her a friend.

On behalf of the Trustees, I want to say thank you for all of your support and we look forward to seeing you at events in the future.

Yours in Scouting

Jane Spragg
WF15 Chairman

Group Scout Leader Report

What a busy time we have had at WF15 since our last AGM. We have had some lows but lots and lots of highs. All of our 5 sections have gone from strength to strength and numbers are definitely on the rise.

Besides having a very full program, our 5 sections, Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers have taken part in all the events organised by the District. From sleepovers to camps, Pledged Plod, a Teddy Bears picnic, St. George's Day parade, Swimming Galas, a Carol Concert, Shire Jam and last but not least a visit to Ypres to lay a wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier.

They have all achieved lots and lots of badges including 16 Chief Scout Acorn Awards, 13 Chief Scout Bronze Awards and 2 Chief Scout Silver Awards.

A brilliant achievement I'm sure you will agree.

At the end of last year after a very successful Xmas Post sort, we returned to our hut to find that the stop cock had burst in the kitchen due to the cold weather and flooded the building. Such was the damage that we had to have all new flooring, new electrics and the whole of the inside of the building re-painted.

Luckily our ADDC and project manager Paul Goodyear had it all in hand. He got us all organised and 4 months later we were able to hold the first Squirrel/Beaver sleepover in our refurbish scout hut.

Whilst this was going on we moved premises to Franche to use WF6's scout hut. At present they do not have a group.

I would like to personally thank Paul Goodyear, Andy Brooks (Cub/Scout/Explorer parent), Stephen Lloyd (Electrician/Squirrel parent) Russ (Arley Decorators) for all their hard work, my daughter Jodie for her endless telephone calls to various trades people, to the children, parents and leaders who braved the freezing cold to do a collection at the Harriers, to Kidderminster Harriers for their publicity and support, to all the parents and relatives who put to our just giving fund and to all the leaders, committee members, parents who swept away the cold water, pulled the floor up and took the rubbish to the tip.

I hope you are all as proud of our new hut as I am.

WF15 has a brilliant team. Leaders, Assistant leaders, Section Assistants, Young Leaders, Occasional Helpers, parent helpers and the Trustee Board who have been out standing over the last year.

To each and every one of them I would like to thank them all for everything they have done.

Unfortunately I have decided that after 17 years in the role, the time is now right for me to stand down as Group Scout leader at WF15. I will be staying on as Beaver Scout leader.

Last but not least, we mustn't forget our young people that are WF15. They never cease to amaze me in everything they do or take part in. They are a truly wonderful bunch and I am honoured to be part of their family.

Lesley Hicks
Group Scout Leader



Treasurers' Report to the Trustees of 15th Wyre Forest (Habberley) Scout Group for the year to 31 March 2023

The year to 31st March 2023 marks the end of my tenure as Treasurer for WF15, after 3 years of voluntary support that have seen a great deal of change in both the finances and reporting of information to our members and other stakeholders.

We all lead busy lives and with increasing commitments outside of the group, I could no longer give fully the time and resources needed and in recognition of this gave the executive committee one year's notice of my intention to step down.

One of the key areas our stakeholders wanted to understand in greater detail, were the financial reports submitted as part of the annual report prepared by the committee and leadership team. In doing so our financial reports have continued to develop during my tenure. This year we have adopted a new format for the groups accounts as part of the ongoing commitment to fully comply with the requirements of the Charity Commission.

The year has continued to see the group go from strength to strength and WF15 is now 5 sections strong, starting from the early year's initiative for Squirrels, led by Jodie Hicks. To the inclusion of our very own explorers' section, which Julie Hardiman has been instrumental in the creation and running of.

The year has not been without its challenges and in December 2022, during a bad spell of cold weather our hut at Truro Drive suffered a burst water pipe, resulting in widespread flood damage. For many of the leadership who have worked most of their lives in support of WF15, this was truly a heart-breaking moment in the group's history.

However, this was never going to be the end of WF15, and with the unprecedented support of our parents, the leaders, and their families along with the incredible support of people like Paul Goodyear, the hut has not just been returned to its former glory but completely transformed, with new lights, storage, updated kitchen facilities to name just a few elements of the amazing work that has been done.

The repairs and renewals that have been carried out have been financed by a combination of our insurance cover along with generous donations through a fund-raising website, bucket collections at the Harriers football grounds and the groups own reserves. A special mention to Kevin Guest, who's campaigning secured a generous donation from his company towards the cost of replacement equipment damaged by the flood.

It is inspirational when you see the positive impact of a community coming together in this way and testimony to the will and determination of the WF15 team to continue to provide such an amazing and positive experience in scouting for all our children today and tomorrow.

I will miss being part of such an amazing team as I pass on the mantle of treasurer to the next person who can volunteer their time and expertise in support of such a worthwhile cause.

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David Harris

Treasurer 15th Wyre Forest (Habberley) Scout Group.



Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of 15th Wyre Forest
(Habberley) Scout Group

The following report is for the accounts of the group prepared by the Treasurer for the year ended 29th April 2023.

In accordance with the directions given in the group's constitution I have examined the accounts prepared to ensure that they comply with the following requirements: -

1. Ensuring compliance with the Charity Commissions financial reporting requirements
2. Ensure that sufficient reserves and resources are in place for scouting to continue operations for at least 12 months from the balance sheet date.

It is my opinion as the independent examiner, that the accounts prepared for the group for the year to 31st March 2023 comply with the constitution and the requirements of the charity commission.

Name of Independent Examiner - Mrs Norah Howells

Address – 20 Warwick Street, Stourport on Severn, Worcestershire, DY13 8JB

Date - 29th April 2023

Signed N. E. Howells

Statement of Financial Activities for

15th Wyre Forest (Haberley) Scout Group

Registered charity number 506614

For the year to 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Donations & Legacies	444		444	1,394
Charitable activities	4,895		4,895	2,071
Other Trading Activities	18,095		18,095	16,654
Investments	0		0	0
Other	1,728		1,728	8,575
Total	25,162	0	25,162	28,694

Expenditure on:

Raising Funds	0		0	0
Charitable activities	3,063		3,063	1,964
Other Trading Activities	16,259		16,259	13,496
Donations & awards	560		560	532
Equipment	1,609		1,609	2,028
Establishment Costs	10,286		10,286	4,093
Total	31,776	0	31,776	22,113

Net gains/(losses) on investments

Net income/expenditure	-6,614	0	-6,614	6,581
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Revaluation of tangible assets

Other gains/losses				
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Net Movement in funds	-6,614	0	-6,614	6,581
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Reconciliation of funds:

Total funds brought forward	21,734	6,650	28,384	21,803
Total funds carried forward	15,120	6,650	21,770	28,384

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	0		0	
	8,575		8,575	
Total	28,694	0	28,694	

	0		0	
	1,964		1,964	
	13,496		13,496	
	532		532	
	2,028		2,028	
	4,093		4,093	
Total	22,113	0	22,113	

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Equipment	1,609		1,609	2,028
Insurance	1,123		1,123	1,396
Utilities	1,814		1,814	789
Establishment Costs	7,349		7,349	1,908
Total	31,776	0	31,776	22,113
Net gains/(losses) on Investments				
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	1,396		1,396
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Balance Sheet

15th Wyre Forest (Habberley) Scout Group

Registered charity number 506614

For the year to 31 March 2023

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Fixed Assets:

Tangible assets	0	0
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Total fixed assets	0	0
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Current Assets:

Stocks	0	0
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Debtors	0	0
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Cash at bank and in hand	21,770	28,384
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Total current assets	21,770	28,384
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Liabilities:

Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

Creditors less 1 year	0	0
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Net current assets or liabilities	21,770	28,384
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(Total assets less current liabilities)

Provisions for liabilities	0	0
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Total net assets or liabilities:	21,770	28,384
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The funds of the charity:

Restricted Income funds	6,650	6,650
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Unrestricted Funds	21,734	21,734
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Revaluation Reserve	0	0
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Current Year Mvmt (Unrestricted)	-6,614	0
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