1ST ASHTON (LORD GERARD'S OWN) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 517134

Details

Other names	1ST ASHTON (LORD GERARD'S) SCOUT GROUP, 1ST ASHTON SCOUTS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1986-01-31
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	1st Ashton Scout Hut Liverpool Road Ashton In Makerfield Wigan Greater Manchester WN4 9LH
Phone	07305504604
Email	bagheera@1stashtonscouts.org.uk

Activities

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

Activities: The aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in acheiving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of thier local, national and international communities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Wigan

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£96,595	£76,731	-	-
2024-03-31	£69,045	£52,065	-	-
2023-03-31	£63,252	£55,929	-	-
2022-03-31	£36,101	£39,159	-	-
2021-03-31	£37,033	£15,801	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John Barry Kay	Chair	2013-12-09
EILEEN MARY HEYES		
Kevin Paul Smith		2011-01-01
Steven Stewart Bell		2024-02-01

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

From 1st April 2024 To 31st March 2025

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Other names the charity is known by	1st Ashton Scout Group / 1st Ashton (Lord Gerard's) Scout Group
Registered Charity Number	517134
Scout Association Group Registration Number	11562
Charity's principal address	1st Ashton (Lord Gerard's Own) Scout Group Scout Association, Ashton Scout Hut Liverpool Road Ashton in Makerfield Wigan WN4 9LP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Barry Kay	Chairman	
Eileen Heyes	Group Lead Volunteer	
Andrew Linster	Treasurer	
Andrea Linster	Trustee	Resigned 9th March 2025
Kevin Smith	Trustee and Scout Leader	
Steve Bell	Trustee and Cub Scout Leader	
Janet Derbyshire	Secretary to the Trustees	

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Names and addresses of advisors

Type of advisor	Name	Address

There are currently no advisors to the Scout Group

Section B	Structure, governance, and management
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Risk and internal controls	The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are: *Damage to the building, property, and equipment.* The Group would request the use of buildings, property, and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss. *Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters, and members.* The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. *Reduced income from fund raising.* The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently. *Reduction or loss of leaders.* The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation, or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the Group. *Reduction or loss of members.* The Group provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation, or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the Group.

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Public benefit statement	The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements in the last year	During the year:

Financial position and Group premises

As well as the Christmas Fayre the Group also undertaken the annual Beer Festival which was a big success.

During the year we placed an order for the Containers and associated equipment that will form the bouldering wall and paid a deposit. They are due to be delivered in the next few months once the final payment have been made.

Further plans will be discussed at future Trustee Board.

Overall, the Group continues to be in good financial health.

Future Plans
In Summer 2025 the Internation camp to Kandestag in Switzerland will take place. Work will be undertaken to set up and complete the bouldering wall.

Section E	Financial Review
Accounting policy	The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis with a statement of the assets and liabilities and is consistent with the previous year. The accounts are drawn up in accordance with the requirements of Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association and reflects the Charity Commission Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).
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Section F	Additional financial information
Insurance	Public Liability Insurance is provided directly by the Scout Association, the current certificate is displayed on the notice board. Building & Contents Insurance is arranged through Unity Insurance Services Ltd via The Scout Association. The Group own a ride on lawnmower which is not currently used to cut the grass in front of the Scout Hut. If this was to change the Group would purchase an appropriate motor insurance cover to meet legal requirements.
Banking	Bank accounts in the name of the group are held with the NatWest Bank plc. We have a Current account and a Reserve account which is registered to receive interest paid gross and with a minimum of 2 signatures for any withdrawals. Individual sections have their own bank accounts, and are with NatWest and TSB. We are pleased to report that the Group is in a sound financial position. Future capital expenditure is considered in our budget. The Trustees are provided with sound administration in respect of its obligations according to POR (Policy, Organisation and Rules), including insurance, fundraising, and maintenance of Group property.
Investment and financial policy	The Trustees regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks / building societies.

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Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Barry Kay (Chairman)	.. G.B. Kay. ....
Eileen Heyes (Group Lead Volunteer)	.. Eileen M Heyes ....
Date	26 July 2025.......................................

1st Ashton (Lord Gerard's) Scout Group Registered Charity No. 517134, The Scout Centre, Liverpool Road, Ashton-In-Makerfield, Wigan
Email gsl@1stashtonscouts.org.uk, Incorporated by Royal Charter No. 306101

1st Ashton Lord Gerard's Scout Group

Balance Sheet at 31st March 2025

LAST YEAR	ASSETS		THIS YEAR
£26,586.46	**HEADQUARTERS**	£25,257.14	
£1,329.32	LESS DEPRECIATION @ 5%	£1,262.86	
£25,257.14			**£23,994.28**
£9,291.79	**EQUIPMENT**	£12,795.90	
£4,925.88	ADDITION	£1,637.08	
£14,217.67		£14,432.98	
£1,421.77	LESS DEPRECIATION @ 10%	£1,443.30	
£12,795.90			**£12,989.68**
	MONIES		
£30,822.63	NATWEST BANK CURRENT		£28,886.84
£1,628.73	NATWEST BANK RESERVE		£1,651.66
£1,709.54	CASH IN HAND		£1,434.67
£34,160.90	**TOTAL OF GROUP FUNDS**		**£31,973.17**
£26,242.54	**SECTION BALANCES**		**£48,293.64**
£60,403.44	TOTAL AMOUNT IN GROUP		**£80,266.81**
£98,456.48	ASSETS		**£117,250.77**

LAST YEAR	LIABILITIES	THIS YEAR
£98,456.48		**£98,456.48**
	PLUS EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	**£18,794.29**
	LIABILITIES	**£117,250.77**

Accounts prepared by ....Andrew Linster (Treasurer)

Signature of Chairperson. G.B. Kay. ...Barry Kay (Chair)

Depreciation is shown in accordance with accounting procedures. However, this does not necessarily reflect the realistic value of the Headquarters and land owned by the group.

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Receipts Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31 March 2025

	This Year	Last Year
Total receipts for the year	£ 96,594.11	£ 69,045.75
Total payments for the year	£ 76,730.74	£ 52,065.57
Net receipts (payments) for the year	£ 19,863.37	£ 16,980.18
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	£ 60,403.44	£ 43,423.26
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	£ 80,266.81	£ 60,403.44

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

Trustees on…28 September 2024..and signed on their behalf by:

………………………………………… G.B. Kay. …….

Andrew Linster (Treasurer) Barry Kay (Chair)

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Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

LAST YEAR	RECEIPTS	THIS YEAR
£1,950.00	BUILDING RENTAL	£2,000.00
£0.00	SPONSORED EVENTS	£0.00
£0.00	MINIBUS & ASSOCIATED ACTIVITY - SPONSORSHIP	£0.00
£693.25	MINIBUS & ASSOCIATED ACTIVITY - DONATIONS & ACTIVITIES	£320.00
£1,924.90	CHRISTMAS AND SUMMER FAIRS	£1,867.05
£0.00	CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS	£0.00
£90.61	INTEREST	£362.39
£4,894.00	HMRC GIFT AID CLAIM	£5,728.00
£556.27	SOCIAL EVENTS (INC BINGO)	£144.00
£17,215.00	SPECIAL CAMP (KANDERSTAG)	£25,255.00
£0.00	CENTRAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COVID GRANTS	£500.00
£0.00	SALE OF EQUIPMENT	£0.00
£18.41	DONATIONS	£2,844.35
£15,060.00	SUBSCRIPTIONS	£20,370.00
£8,147.55	CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAMPS & ACTIVITIES	£11,359.50
£0.00	REPAYMENT OF LOAN FROM ASHTON EXPLORERS	£0.00
£0.00	TESCO - Groundwork Trust (RESTRICTED GRANT FOR CONTAINER AND ARCHERY RANGE)	£0.00
£18,495.76	BEER FESTIVAL	£25,843.82
£69,045.75	SUBTOTAL	**£96,594.11**
	EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE / INCOME	**£0.00**
£69,045.75		**£96,594.11**

LAST YEAR	PAYMENTS	THIS YEAR
£0.00	MINIBUS & ASSOCIATED ACTIVITY - PURCHASE	£0.00
£1,308.71	MINIBUS & ASSOCIATED ACTIVITY - INS & TAX	£1,375.60
£345.00	MINIBUS & ASSOCIATED ACTIVITY - REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	£408.20
£5,775.00	CAPITATION TO DISTRICT	£7,830.00
£0.00	CAPITATION IN RESPECT OF TRANSFERRING SCOUTS	£0.00
£1,430.00	INSURANCE	£2,288.58
£464.37	WATER	£432.33
£8,232.61	GAS & ELECTRIC	£5,705.70
£1,169.44	CLEANING & CLEANING PRODUCTS	£1,235.00
£1,154.13	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	£954.80
£6,686.45	PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, UNIFORMS,BADGES ETC	£23,015.07
£842.51	CHRISTMAS AND SUMMER FAIRS	£529.98
£0.00	CHARITABLE DONATIONS	£0.00
£185.62	SOCIAL EVENTS	£446.95
£0.00	WREATH	£27.50
£9,747.21	TRIPS, CAMP FEES, FOOD & ACTIVITIES	£19,063.06
£5,143.95	SPECIAL CAMP (KANDERSTAG)	£0.00
£40.00	TRAINING FOR ADULT LEADERS AND HELPERS	£995.20
£1,435.64	WEBSITE FEES & CO CARDLESS FEES	£2,671.60
£7,554.93	BEER FESTIVAL	£9,201.17
£550.00	AUDIT FEES	£550.00
£52,065.57	SUBTOTAL	**£76,730.74**
£2,751.09	DEPRECIATION OF ASSETS	**£2,706.16**
£4,925.88	LESS ADDITION OF NEW ASSETS	**£1,637.08**
£19,154.97	EXCESS INCOME/EXPENDITURE	**£18,794.29**
£69,045.75		**£96,594.11**

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
1st Ashton (Lord Gerard's Own) Scout Group

On accounts for the year ended	31.03.2025	**Charity no (if any)**	517134

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 March 2025.

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 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.

Signed:

Date: 21.07.2025

Name: Michael Nelson

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): FCA – ICAEW: Membership Number 1307113

Colin Tunstall Limited
09557092

Address:	
	296 Clipsley Lane
	Haydock, St. Helens
	WA11 0JQ

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.	*I can confirm the books and records were found to be complete, comprehensive, accurate and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the organisation throughout the 24-25 accounting period.* *A small number of cash income receipts were also selected for testing. Although, due to the nature of the income, supporting documentation was not available. However, valid explanations were obtained and the transactions were agreed to the Group Account Spreadsheet. Therefore, we can confirm that these were bona fide business transactions, and no further action required.*

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Correspondence address	Andrew Linster 8 Ware Close Ashton in Makerfield Wigan WN4 8XU

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
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Eileen Heyes	Group Lead Volunteer & Trustee	
Andrew Linster	Treasurer & Trustee	
Andrea Linster	Trustee	
Kevin Smith	Trustee & Scout Leader	
Steve Bell	Trustee and Cub Scout Leader	Appointed 01 February 2024

<u>Other</u>

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Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements in the last year	During the year: This year has seen Steve Bell, Cub Scout Leader, join the Trustee board as a Trustee and Janet Derbyshire, Beaver Leader, join in the role of Secretary to the Trustees. <u>Financial position and Group premises</u> As well as the Ashton Summer and Christmas Fayre the Group also undertaken the first annual Beer Festival which was a big success. Further plans will be discussed at future Executive Committee Meetings. Overall, the Group is very good financial health. Future Plans The fundraising undertaken over the last 3 to 4 years now means we are in a position where we can move forward with the bouldering wall containers in the next year. This will be a valuable addition to the Scout Group.

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Section E	Financial Review
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Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Barry Kay (Chairman)	G.B.Kay. ....
Eileen Heyes (Group Lead Volunteer)	Eileen M Heyes ....
Andrew Linster (Treasurer)	....
Date	28 September 2024..................

CHARITY COMMISSION
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A **Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name 1st Ashton (Lord Gerard's Own) Scout Group
On accounts for the year ended	31.03.2024
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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.

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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.

Signed:	[signature]
Date:	24.09.2024
Name:	Michael Nelson
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCA – ICAEW: Membership Number 1307113

Address:	5 The Glades, Clipsley Lane
	Haydock, St. Helens
	WA11 0ST

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Other names the charity is known by	1st Ashton Scout Group / 1st Ashton (Lord Gerard's) Scout Group
Registered Charity Number	517134
Scout Association Group Registration Number	11562
Charity's principal address	1st Ashton (Lord Gerard's Own) Scout Group Scout Association, Ashton Scout Hut Liverpool Road Ashton in Makerfield Wigan WN4 9LP
Correspondence address	Andrew Linster 8 Ware Close Ashton in Makerfield Wigan WN4 8XU

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
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Eileen Heyes	Group Scout Leader	
Andrew Linster	Treasurer	
Mary Smith	Cub Scout Leader (Thursday)	
Andrea Linster	Trustee	
Kevin Smith	Scout Leader (Wednesday)	

Names and addresses of advisors

Type of advisor	Name	Address

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Risk and internal controls	The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and

systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

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ides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the Group.

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Section C — Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Public benefit statement	The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D Financial Review

Accounting policy	The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis with a statement of the assets and liabilities and is consistent with the previous year. The accounts are drawn up in accordance with the requirements of Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association and reflects the Charity Commission Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).
Reserves Policy	The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs. With the significant increase in energy costs and general inflation since the end of the Covid restrictions, the reserves have been increased by 25% circa £10,000.

Section E Additional information

Insurance	Public Liability Insurance is provided directly by the Scout Association, the current certificate is displayed on the notice board. Building & Contents Insurance and Personal Accident & Medical Expenses Insurance for non-member helpers have been arranged through Unity Insurance Services Ltd via The Scout Association. Additional insurance was taken out to cover liability for the ride on lawnmower. As the Group now use a local company to maintain the grounds the insurance lapsed in November 2016. Although the Group retains the lawn mower it is no longer used.
Banking	Bank accounts in the name of the group are held with the Natwest Bank plc. We have a Current account and a Reserve account which is registered to receive interest paid gross and with a minimum of 2 signatures for any withdrawals. Individual sections have their own bank accounts, and are with NatWest and TSB. We are pleased to report that the Group is in a sound financial position. Future capital expenditure is taken into account in our budget. The Trustees are provided with sound administration in respect of its obligations according to POR (Policy, Organisation and Rules), including insurance, fundraising, and maintenance of Group property.

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Investment and financial policy	The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks / building societies.
Review of the 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023	During the year: <u>Financial position and Group premises</u> As well as the Ashton Summer and Christmas Fayre the Group also undertaken the first annual Beer Festival which was a big success. Further plans will be discussed at future Executive Committee Meetings. Overall, the Group is very good financial health.
Future Plans	Future plans are discussed regularly at the Executive Committee meetings. Due to the National Lockdown, the Executive Committee cannot meet face to face so communication is via zoom and other online methods.

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Section F Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Barry Kay (Chairman) .... J.B. Kay. ....

Eileen Heyes (Group Scout Leader) .... Eileen M Heyes ....

Andrew Linster (Treasuer) ....

Date ....23 January 2024..............................

1st Ashton Lord Gerard's Scout Group
Balance Sheet at 31st March 2023

LAST YEAR	ASSETS		THIS YEAR
£29,458.68	**HEADQUARTERS**	£27,985.75	
£1,472.93	LESS DEPRECIATION @ 5%	£1,399.29	
£27,985.75			**£26,586.46**
£9,515.39	**EQUIPMENT**	£8,790.64	
£251.99	ADDITION	£1,533.57	
£9,767.38		£10,324.21	
£976.74	LESS DEPRECIATION @ 10%	£1,032.42	
£8,790.64			**£9,291.79**
	MONIES		
£26,009.16	NATWEST BANK CURRENT		£32,889.61
£1,600.12	NATWEST BANK RESERVE		£1,607.14
£915.68	CASH IN HAND		£1,350.92
£28,524.96	**TOTAL OF GROUP FUNDS**		**£35,847.67**
£7,576.03	**SECTION BALANCES**		**£7,575.59**
£36,100.99	TOTAL AMOUNT IN GROUP		**£43,423.26**
£72,877.38	ASSETS		**£79,301.51**

LAST YEAR	LIABILITIES	THIS YEAR
£72,877.38		**£72,877.38**
	LESS EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	**£6,424.13**
	LIABILITIES	**£79,301.51**

Accounts prepared by ....Andrew Linster (Treasurer)

Signature of Chairperson..... ....Barry Kay (Chair)

Depreciation is shown in accordance with accounting procedures. However, this does not necessarily reflect the realistic value of the Headquarters and land owned by the group.

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Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

LAST YEAR	RECEIPTS	THIS YEAR
£1,580.00	Rec_Building_rental	£1,920.00
£0.00	Rec_Sponsored_events	£0.00
£0.00	Rec_Minibus_sponsorship	£0.00
£1,200.00	Rec_Minibus_donations&activities	£1,890.00
£1,448.93	Rec_Brunch_Christmas_Summer_fair	£3,317.53
£0.00	Rec_Charitable_collections	£0.00
£0.97	Rec_Interest	£8.06
£927.50	Rec_HMRC_Gift_Aid	£1,907.25
£621.06	Rec_Social_events(inc_bingo)	£633.61
£0.00	Rec_Special_Camp	£1,826.45
£13,697.00	Rec_Cental_local_government_grants	£0.00
£0.00	Rec_Sale_of_equipment	£0.00
£506.31	REC_Donations	£850.85
£8,169.00	REC_Subscriptions	£14,255.70
£8,173.01	REC_Conts_to_camps_activities	£16,252.54
£0.00	REC_Repay_loan_from_Ash_Exp	£0.00
£0.00	REC_Tesco Groundwork_rest_grant	£0.00
£0.00	REC_Beer_Festival	£20,389.71
£36,323.78	SUBTOTAL	**£63,251.70**
£5,255.72	EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE / INCOME	
£41,579.50		**£63,251.70**

LAST YEAR	PAYMENTS	THIS YEAR
£0.00	Minibus_purchase	£0.00
£892.99	Minibus_ins_fuel_tax	£1,986.23
£59.00	Minibus_repair_maintenence	£341.49
£3,752.50	Capitation_to_district	£5,850.00
£0.00	Capitation_in_respect_of_transf_explorers	£150.00
£1,164.36	Exp_Insurance	£1,241.47
£250.34	Exp_Water	£91.55
£2,296.94	Exp_Gas_Electric	£3,258.51
£588.90	Exp_Cleaner&cleaning_products	£1,030.88
£16,153.80	Exp_Repairs_&_maintenance	£4,680.16
£3,434.83	Exp_Purchase_uniform_badges_etc	£5,014.81
£423.30	Exp_Brunch_Christmas_Summer_fair	£1,091.58
£0.00	Exp_charitable_donations	£600.00
£201.95	Exp_social_events	£676.22
£20.00	Exp_wreath	£25.00
£8,694.79	Exp_trips_camps_food_activities	£18,287.34
£0.00	Exp_Special_camp	£0.00
£714.27	Exp_Leader_training	£632.00
£733.85	Exp_website_gocardless	£1,457.58
£0.00	EXP_loan_to_Ash_Exp	£0.00
£0.00	EXP_Tesco Groundwork_rest_grant	£0.00
£0.00	EXP_Beer_Festival	£8,964.61
£0.00	EXP_Audit_fees	£550.00
£39,381.82	SUBTOTAL	**£55,929.43**
£2,197.68	DEPRECIATION	**£898.14**
	EXCESS INCOME/EXPENDITURE	**£6,424.13**
£41,579.50		**£63,251.70**

1st Ashton Lord Gerard's Scout Group
Balance Sheet at 31st March 2023

	This Year	Last Year
Total receipts for the year	£ 63,251.70	£ 36,323.78
Total payments for the year	£ 55,929.43	£ 39,381.82
Net receipts (payments) for the year	£ 7,322.27	-£ 3,058.04
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	£ 36,100.99	£ 39,159.03
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	£ 43,423.26	£ 36,100.99

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

Trustees on………23 January 2024………and signed on their behalf by:

……………………………………………. ……. G.B. Kay.

Andrew Linster (Treasurer) Barry Kay (Chair)

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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 1st Ashton (Lord Gerard's Own) Scout Group
On accounts for the year ended	31.03.2023 — **Charity no (if any)** 517134
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 March 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 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.

Signed:	[signature] — **Date:** 22.01.2024
Name:	Michael Nelson
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCA – ICAEW: Membership Number 1307113

Colin Tunstall Limited
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Address:	5 The Glades, Clipsley Lane
	Haydock, St. Helens
	WA11 0ST

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.	*I can confirm the books and records were found to be complete, comprehensive, accurate and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the organisation throughout the 22-23 accounting period.* *The only thing to note is that a payment of £299 was made to Hindley Embroidery during the year but the supporting documentation could not be provided. It was thought that a picture was taken of the receipt, but it did not save correctly to the invoice file.* *However, we have traced this payment to the corresponding bank transaction. Therefore, we can confirm that this was a bona fide business transaction and no further action required.*

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

From 1st April 2021 To 31st March 2022

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Review of the 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

During the year:

<u>General</u>
UK Government Covid restrictions were gradually reduced from March 2021 onwards.

Scouting operating under guidance from the UK Government appointed agencies introduced a traffic light system.

Red – No face to face activities
Amber – Outdoor only activities with the number of participants limited
Yellow – Outdoor and Indoor activities allowed with some restrictions on the number of participants
Green – no restrictions

For this accounting period, Scouting was in Amber gradually moving towards Green.

We were able to welcome back our day groups to use the Scout Hut from August 2021.

<u>Financial position and Group premises</u>

With the varying degrees of lockdown restrictions in force, the normal fund-raising activities that we would expect to undertake were curtailed. We were able to run an online bingo night and in December 2021 we ran two stalls for the Ashton Christmas lights switch on. In March 2022 we saw the return of the 'Easter candy bingo'.

The Group also benefited from further UK and Local Government Covid-19 related grants in the period. The Executive Committee agreed to spend this money wisely and focus on areas that will bring long-term benefit to the Group as a whole. During the period a number of building improvements were under taken:

- New blinds
- Replacement of central heating boiler, radiators and pipework
- Electrical maintenance including LED panel lights
- Completion of separation of the old storeroom into a new storeroom and separate bunkroom

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- Replacement and fitting of 2 new fire doors
- New Kitchen flooring

Further plans will be discussed at future Executive Committee Meetings.

Overall the Group is very good financial health.

Section Update

The Leaders in the Beaver Section decided to stand down from their roles in 2021. The Executive Committee would like to thank Simon and Jo for their many years contribution to Scouting and Ashton Scouts.

After March 2022 (outside this reporting period).
- New Beaver section opened (new Beaver Leaders)
- Reopened Monday Cubs section so we now have two Cubs Section

Future Plans

Future plans are discussed regularly at the Executive Committee meetings. Due to the National Lockdown, the Executive Committee cannot meet face to face so communication is via zoom and other online methods.

Section F Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Barry Kay
Chairman ....J. B. Kay........

Eileen Heyes
Group Scout Leader ....Eileen M Heyes........

Andrew Linster
Treasurer ....

Date ....28/01/2023........

1st Ashton (Lord Gerard's) Scout Group Registered Charity No. 517134, The Scout Centre, Liverpool Road, Ashton-In-Makerfield, Wigan
Email gsl@ashtonscouts.org.uk, Incorporated by Royal Charter No. 306101
Patron HM The King **President** HRH The Duke of Kent **Founder** Robert Baden Powell OM **Chief Scout** Bear Grylls
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1st Ashton Lord Gerard's Scout Group
Balance Sheet at 31st March 2022

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LAST YEAR	ASSETS		THIS YEAR
£31,009.14	**HEADQUARTERS**	£29,458.68	
£1,550.46	LESS DEPRECIATION @ 5%	£1,472.93	
£29,458.68			**£27,985.75**
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	MONIES		
£31,378.71	NATWEST BANK CURRENT		£26,009.16
£1,600.00	NATWEST BANK RESERVE		£1,600.12
£836.32	CASH IN HAND		£915.68
£33,815.03	**TOTAL OF GROUP FUNDS**		**£28,524.96**
£5,344.00	**SECTION BALANCES**		**£7,576.03**
£39,159.03	TOTAL AMOUNT IN GROUP		**£36,100.99**
£78,133.10	ASSETS		**£72,877.38**

LAST YEAR	LIABILITIES	THIS YEAR
£78,133.10		**£78,133.10**
	LESS EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	**£5,255.72**
	LIABILITIES	**£72,877.38**

Accounts prepared by ....Andrew Linster (Treasurer)

Signature of Chairperson......J. B. Kay.....Barry Kay (Chair)

Depreciation is shown in accordance with accounting procedures. However, this does not necessarily reflect the realistic value of the Headquarters and land owned by the group.

1st Ashton (Lord Gerard's) Scout Group
Receipts Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31 March 2022

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	This Year	Last Year
Total receipts for the year	£ 36,323.78	£ 37,033.15
Total payments for the year	£ 39,381.82	£ 15,801.40
Net receipts (payments) for the year	-£ 3,058.04	£ 21,231.75
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	£ 39,159.03	£ 17,927.28
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	£ 36,100.99	£ 39,159.03

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 28/01/2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Andrew Linster (Treasurer)

J.B. Kay
Barry Kay (Chair)

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1st Ashton (Lord Gerard's) Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

LAST YEAR	RECEIPTS	THIS YEAR
£150.00	Rec_Building_rental	£1,580.00
£0.00	Rec_Sponsored_events	£0.00
£0.00	Rec_Minibus_sponsorship	£0.00
£0.00	Rec_Minibus_donations&activities	£1,200.00
£0.00	Rec_Brunch_Christmas_Summer_fair	£1,448.93
£0.00	Rec_Charitable_collections	£0.00
£0.61	Rec_Interest	£0.97
£2,851.33	Rec_HMRC_Gift_Aid	£927.50
£134.59	Rec_Social_events(inc_bingo)	£621.06
£0.00	Rec_Cubjam	£0.00
£25,205.75	Rec_Cental_local_government_grants	£13,697.00
£207.00	Rec_Sale_of_equipment	£0.00
£1,650.02	Rec_Donations	£506.31
£4,919.50	Rec_Subscriptions	£8,169.00
£784.35	Rec_Conts_to_camps_activities	£8,173.01
£130.00	Rec_Repay_loan_from_Ash_Exp	£0.00
£1,000.00	Rec_Tesco Groundwork_rest_grant	£0.00
£37,033.15	SUBTOTAL	£36,323.78
	EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE / INCOME	£5,255.72
£37,033.15		£41,579.50

LAST YEAR	PAYMENTS	THIS YEAR
£0.00	Minibus_purchase	£0.00
£422.00	Minibus_ins_fuel_tax	£892.99
£0.00	Minibus_repair_maintenence	£59.00
£3,594.50	Capitation_to_district	£3,752.50
£182.00	Intexp_Capitation_in_respect_of_transf_explorers	£0.00
£1,177.06	Exp_Insurance	£1,164.36
£205.45	Exp_Water	£250.34
£423.85	Exp_Gas_Electric	£2,296.94
£125.37	Exp_Cleaner&cleaning_products	£588.90
£2,215.49	Exp_Repairs_&_maintenance	£16,153.80
£1,472.47	Exp_Purchase_uniform_badges_etc	£3,434.83
£0.00	Exp_Brunch_Christmas_Summer_fair	£423.30
£0.00	Exp_charitable_donations	£0.00
£5.21	Exp_social_events	£201.95
£0.00	Exp_wreath	£20.00
£5,279.56	Exp_trips_camps_food_activities	£8,694.79
£0.00	Exp_cubjam	£0.00
£83.50	Exp_Leader_training	£714.27
£223.34	Exp_website_gocardless	£733.85
£130.00	Exp_loan_to_Ash_Exp	£0.00
£261.60	Exp_Tesco Groundwork_rest_grant	£0.00
£15,801.40	SUBTOTAL	£39,381.82
£1,061.07	DEPRECIATION	£2,197.68
£20,170.68	EXCESS INCOME/EXPENDITURE	
£37,033.15		£41,579.50

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 1st Ashton (Lord Gerard's Own) Scout Group		
On accounts for the year ended	31.03.2022	**Charity no (if any)**	517134
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 March 2022.

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 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.

Signed:		**Date:**	26.01.2023
Name:	Michael Nelson		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCA – ICAEW: Membership Number 1307113		

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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.	***None identified*** *– the books and records were found to be complete, comprehensive, accurate and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the organisation throughout the 21-22 accounting period.*

1ST ASHTON (LORD GERARD'S OWN) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 517134

Accounts

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

From 1st April 2020 To 31st March 2021

Section A	Reference and administration details
Charity name	1st Ashton (Lord Gerard's Own) Scout Group
Other names the charity is known by	1st Ashton Scout Group / 1st Ashton (Lord Gerard's) Scout Group
Registered Charity Number	517134
Scout Association Group Registration Number	11562
Charity's principle address	1st Ashton (Lord Gerard's Own) Scout Group Scout Association, Ashton Scout Hut Liverpool Road Ashton in Makerfield Wigan WN4 9LP
Correspondence address	Andrew Linster 8 Ware Close Ashton in Makerfield Wigan WN4 8XU

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Barry Kay	Chairman	
Eileen Heyes	Group Scout Leader	
Andrew Linster	Treasurer	
Mary Smith	Cub Scout Leader (Thursday)	
Jo Pollitt	Beaver Leader	
Andrea Linster	Fund Raising Committee	
Kevin Smith	Scout Leader (Wednesday)	

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Names and addresses of advisors

Type of advisor	Name	Address

There are currently no advisors to the Scout Group

Section B	Structure, governance and management
Type of governing document	The Group's governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter (4 January 1912), which in turn gives authority to the by-laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.
How the charity is constituted	1st Ashton (Lord Gerard's Own) Scout Group was established under a Declaration of Trust dated 21 September 1949 and a Charity in its own right on 31st January 1986. The Group is a trust established under its rules that are common to all Scout Groups/Districts.
Trustee selection method	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.
Additional governance	The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate. The Committee meets every 1 to 2 months. This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for: The maintenance of Group property; The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance; The insurance of persons, property and equipment; Group public occasions; Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; Appointing any sub committees that may be required; Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.
Risk and internal controls	The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

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Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the Group.

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss. The Group minibus is insured, however the vehicle was SORNed (kept off road so no vehicle tax due) and was insured with a laid up insured policy as the vehicle was not driven on public roads after June 2020.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy for members. In addition, the Group has additional insurance to cover non-member helpers and supporters for personal accident and medical expenses. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the Group.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Public benefit statement	The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D Financial Review

Accounting policy	The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis with a statement of the assets and liabilities and is consistent with the previous year. The accounts are drawn up in accordance with the requirements of Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association and reflects the Charity Commission Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).
Reserves Policy	The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £6,000.

Section E Additional information

Insurance	Public Liability Insurance is provided directly by the Scout Association, the current certificate is displayed on the notice board. Building & Contents Insurance and Personal Accident & Medical Expenses Insurance for non-member helpers have been arranged through Unity Insurance Services Ltd via The Scout Association. Additional insurance was taken out to cover liability for the ride on lawnmower. As the Group now has a Gardener who undertakes this work the insurance lapsed in November 2016. Although the Group retains the lawn mower it is no longer used.
Banking	Bank accounts in the name of the group are held with the Natwest Bank plc. We have a Current account and a Reserve account which is registered to receive interest paid gross and with a minimum of 2 signatures for any withdrawals. Individual sections have their own bank accounts, and are with NatWest, Barclays and TSB. We are pleased to report that the Group is in a sound financial position. Future capital expenditure is taken into account in our budget. The Trustees are provided with sound administration in respect of its obligations according to POR (Policy, Organisation and Rules), including insurance, fundraising, and maintenance of Group property.
Investment and financial policy	The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements.

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

Review of the 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

During the year:

General

Shortly before the start of this accounting period, the UK Prime Minister made the decision to put the whole UK into a National Lockdown. As a result, all face to face Scouting Activities ceased immediately as well as activities undertaken by day groups who hire out the hut during the week.

As the first wave of the pandemic waned, the UK Government lifted some restrictions. This meant that for a brief period over the summer of 2021, one of the day groups could meet (as they were an exercise class until restrictions were once again tightened as the second wave of the pandemic hit). The restrictions were in force until after March 2021. As a result, no day groups were able to meet and use the Scout Hut after the summer.

Scouting

Scouting under guidance from the UK Government appointed agencies introduced a traffic light system.

Red – No face to face activities
Amber – Outdoor only activities with the number of participants limited
Yellow – Outdoor and Indoor activities allowed with some restrictions on the number of participants
Green – no restrictions

For this accounting period, Scouting was either in Red or Amber conditions.

The Group purchased a ZOOM license to enable sections to meet virtually and Leaders ran their sections virtually while under Red conditions.

When amber conditions were in-force, our Scout and Cub sections completed the appropriate risk assessment and had approval from the District Commissioner to meet up outdoors. 1st Ashton Cub and Scout sections were the first Groups in Wigan District to restart face-to-face activities. It was not possible for the Beaver section to restart in this period.

The Group purchased some Cargo parachutes and set up a steel cable between some trees in the hut grounds. This meant when the weather was inclement, some degree of shelter was possible within the Amber restrictions.

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Financial position

With the varying degrees of lockdown restrictions in force, the normal fund raising activities that we would expect to undertake were cancelled. Although we were able to run an on-line bingo night.

Steps taken at the beginning of the year to reduce non-essential Group expenditure: The main areas were the suspension of payments to the gas provider as we had built up a large credit pre-pandemic and we could run this down. In addition, as the Scout Hut was left unoccupied for long periods electricity costs were much lower. The Water supply was turned off during the first pandemic wave with weekly flushing of toilets and running of taps to reduce the risk of Legionnaires disease affecting the hut. Weekly checks of the hut were also done to check that the building and its grounds were secure.

During the first part of the pandemic when all Scouting was virtual, the decision was taken not to collect subs as the sections had more than adequate financial resources to continue.

Once Scouting moved to Amber conditions the decision was taken to restart subs for those section Cubs and Scouts that were meeting outdoors, and so some subs have been collected.

As the Scout Group owns the building and land, we were also eligible to receive some UK Government and Local Government Covid-19 related grants. In addition, we applied for grants for other things and received a number of donations. Government grants in the period totaled £25.2 K, plus £1.6K in other donations and the remaining £1K Tesco restricted grant.

The Executive Committee agreed to spend this money wisely and focus on areas that will bring long-term benefit to the Group as a whole.

The vast majority of this money remains unspent, as due to the lockdown it was not possible to spend the money on maintenance and equipment etc.

A small proportion of the grant was spent on:

- The purchase of additional tables (from other organisations that ceased in the pandemic).
- Remodeling of the old storeroom. Although the shelving was treated in prior years for woodworm, the shelving had been weakened and was unsafe. The old wooden doors and wooden wall panel were rotten and needed to be replaced. The old storeroom was remodeled into a new smaller storeroom and bunk

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room. The bunk room will be a welcome addition, as it will give a dedicated area for leaders to sleep on overnight camps at the Scout Hut.

There are a number of future projects, which the remaining grant money will be focused on. However, these will be subject to ongoing discussion within the Executive Committee:

- Replacement windows and fire escape doors
- New window blinds
- Central heating upgrade
- Replacement of lighting with energy efficient LED lighting
- Completion of the bouldering wall (additional future fundraising will also be needed)

Overall the Group is very good financial health.

Future Plans

Future plans are discussed regularly at the Executive Committee meetings. Due to the National Lockdown, the Executive Committee cannot meet face to face so communication is via zoom and other online methods.

Section F Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Barry Kay
Chairman ......J.B Kay......

Eileen Heyes
Group Scout Leader ......Eileen M Heyes......

Andrew Linster
Treasurer ......[signature]......

Date ......31/03/2022......

1st Ashton Lord Gerard's Scout Group
Balance Sheet at 31st March 2021

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LAST YEAR	ASSETS		THIS YEAR
£32,641.20	**HEADQUARTERS**	£31,009.14	
£1,632.06	LESS DEPRECIATION @ 5%	£1,550.46	
£31,009.14			**£29,458.68**
£6,833.97	**EQUIPMENT**	£9,026.00	
£3,194.92	ADDITION	£1,546.66	
£10,028.89		£10,572.66	
£1,002.89	LESS DEPRECIATION @ 10%	£1,057.27	
£9,026.00			**£9,515.39**
	MONIES		
£6,898.65	NATWEST BANK CURRENT		£31,378.71
£1,599.39	NATWEST BANK RESERVE		£1,600.00
£1,224.37	CASH IN HAND		£836.32
£9,722.41	**TOTAL OF GROUP FUNDS**		**£33,815.03**
£8,204.87	**SECTION BALANCES**		**£5,344.00**
£17,927.28	TOTAL AMOUNT IN GROUP		**£39,159.03**
£57,962.42	ASSETS		**£78,133.10**

LAST YEAR	LIABILITIES	THIS YEAR
£57,962.42		**£57,962.42**
	LESS EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	**£20,170.68**
	LIABILITIES	**£78,133.10**

Accounts prepared by ....Andrew Linster (Treasurer)

Signature of Chairperson..Barry Kay (Chair)

Depreciation is shown in accordance with accounting procedures. However, this does not necessarily reflect the realistic value of the Headquarters and land owned by the group.

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Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

LAST YEAR	RECEIPTS	THIS YEAR
£1,125.00	MINIBUS & ASSOCIATED ACTIVITY - SPONSORSHIP	£0.00
£0.00	MINIBUS & ASSOCIATED ACTIVITY - DONATIONS & ACTIVITIES	£0.00
£7,794.20	SUBSCRIPTIONS	£4,919.50
£3,685.00	BUILDING RENTAL	£150.00
£963.81	SPONSORED EVENTS	£0.00
£10,709.91	CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAMPS & ACTIVITIES	£784.35
£245.03	DONATIONS	£1,650.02
£3,264.02	BRUNCH & CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL	£0.00
£308.51	CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS	£0.00
£3.21	INTEREST	£0.61
£3,190.56	HMRC GIFT AID CLAIM	£2,851.33
£589.56	SOCIAL EVENTS	£134.59
£0.00	CUBJAM	£0.00
£0.00	REPAYMENT OF LOAN FROM ASHTON EXPLORERS	£130.00
£3,000.00	TESCO - Groundwork Trust (RESTRICTED GRANT FOR CONTAINER AND ARCHERY RANGE)	£1,000.00
£0.00	CENTRAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COVID GRANTS	£25,205.75
£0.00	SALE OF EQUIPMENT	£207.00
£34,878.81	SUBTOTAL	**£37,033.15**
	EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE / INCOME	
£34,878.81		**£37,033.15**

LAST YEAR	PAYMENTS	THIS YEAR
£0.00	MINIBUS & ASSOCIATED ACTIVITY - PURCHASE	£0.00
£778.60	MINIBUS & ASSOCIATED ACTIVITY - INS, FUEL & TAX	£422.00
£2,308.25	MINIBUS & ASSOCIATED ACTIVITY - REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	£0.00
£3,610.50	CAPITATION TO DISTRICT	£3,594.50
£0.00	CAPITATION IN RESPECT OF TRANSFERRING SCOUTS	£182.00
£1,121.33	INSURANCE	£1,177.06
£214.59	WATER	£205.45
£2,959.49	GAS & ELECTRIC	£423.85
£884.07	CLEANING	£125.37
£1,542.00	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	£2,215.49
£1,897.16	PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS,BADGES ETC	£1,472.47
£868.85	BRUNCH & CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL	£0.00
£345.00	CHARITABLE DONATIONS	£0.00
£310.01	SOCIAL EVENTS	£5.21
£20.00	WREATH	£0.00
£9,297.58	TRIPS, CAMP FEES, FOOD & ACTIVITIES	£5,279.56
£0.00	CUBJAM	£0.00
£0.00	LOAN TO ASHTON EXPLORERS	£130.00
£241.00	TRAINING FOR ADULT LEADERS AND HELPERS	£83.50
£3,350.33	CONTAINER & ARCHERY RANGE (from restircted grant) ***	£261.60
	WEBSITE FEES & CO CARDLESS FEES	£223.34
£29,748.76	SUBTOTAL	**£15,801.40**
-£559.97	DEPRECIATION	**£1,061.07**
£5,690.02	EXCESS INCOME/EXPENDITURE	**£20,170.68**
£34,878.81		**£37,033.15**

*** Please note an amount of 440.40 was paid for climbing holds as part of the restricted grant fund and was incorrectly recorded on the prior set of accounts under Trips, Camp fees, Food and and Activities. For the prior year the amount should be £3350.33 + £440.40 = £3790.73. This years amount of £261.60, this means the total spent for the project stands at Means the total project funds are accounted for £4052.33 spent against the grant of £4000.

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Receipts Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31 March 2021

	This Year		Last Year	
Total receipts for the year	£	37,033.15	£	34,878.81
Total payments for the year	£	15,801.40	£	29,748.76
Net receipts (payments) for the year	£	21,231.75	£	5,130.05
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	£	17,927.28	£	12,797.23
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	£	39,159.03	£	17,927.28

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

Trustees on...............................and signed on their behalf by:

.... J. B. Kay ....

Andrew Linster (Treasurer) Barry Kay (Chair)

1st Ashton (Lord Gerard's) Scout Group

CHARITY COMMISSION
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name 1st Ashton (Lord Gerard's Own) Scout Group
On accounts for the year ended	31/03/2021
Charity no (if any)	517134
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 31/03/2021.

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").

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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- 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.

Signed:	D Mart
Date:	31/01/2022
Name:	Daniel Martin
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ACA/ICAEW
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