

1ST STRETFORD (LONGFORD) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 521676

Details

Other names 1ST STRETFORD (1ST LONGFORD) BOY SCOUT GROUP, 1ST STRETFORD (LONGFORD) BOY SCOUT GROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1964-01-17

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

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Activities

Objects: 1ST STRETFORD (LONGFORD) BOY SCOUT GROUP

Activities: A NUMBER OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES:- CANOEING, WIND SURFING, WALKING, MOUNTAIN CLIMBING, ABSAILING, CAMPING, PIONEERING, SPORTS ACITIVITES ETC. HELPING IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. EDUCATING YOUNG PEOPLE ITEMS THAT THEY DO NOT NECESSARY LEARN AT SCHOOL BUT ARE USEFULL IN THEIR EVERY DAY LIFE.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** STRETFORD AND DISTRICT
- Trafford

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£176,401	£204,932	-	-
2024-03-31	£130,242	£127,943	-	-
2023-03-31	£96,754	£100,640	-	-
2022-03-31	£141,681	£153,118	-	-
2021-03-31	£92,254	£64,098	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Danielle McArdle		2024-09-30
Darren Hughes		2024-09-30
Joanne Ruddock		2025-01-01
Lorna Jones		2025-01-01
NICHOLAS DAVID ANDERSON		
Neil Gregory		2025-01-01
Nina Wilson		2024-09-30
Peter Templeton		2025-01-01
Robert Daniel Partridge		2017-03-07

1ST STRETFORD (LONGFORD) SCOUT GROUP

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GROUP REPORT FOR 2024/2025

1st Stretford (Longford) Scout Group

Registered Charity 521676

GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER'S REPORT - NICK ANDERSON

This year has been one of real growth and development for Longford Scouts. From new sections to major progress at the Ranche, our journey continues to be driven by the commitment of our amazing volunteers. Every hour given makes a difference, and we are hugely grateful to all who contribute.

As of January 2025, our numbers have risen again to over 260 young people across all sections. Following the successful launch of our Saturday Scout Troop, we've continued to expand opportunities for families. At Easter 2024 we opened a new Tuesday Squirrels Drey, and from April 2025 we will pilot a second, giving even more 4–6 year olds the chance to join the adventure.

Our Explorer Young Leaders continue to be a real highlight — supporting younger sections with energy, ideas, and enthusiasm. Many then choose to stay on as adult volunteers, helping secure the future strength of the group.

HQ and the Ranche

A huge milestone this year was the major building project on the Ranche stores and shippon. We reroofed, insulated, and re-electrified the area, transforming it into safe, usable storage and activity rooms. This has finally allowed us to move all equipment and rooms into one consolidated space. The veranda and external works completed last year continue to provide a brilliant flexible outdoor area.

There is still much to do. In April 2025 we began work on ripping out and refurbishing the kitchen — the next big stage in creating facilities that match the needs of our growing group.

Fundraising and Support

This year saw a huge effort with our **Cheshire Ring fundraiser**, where members of the group walked 100 miles in just over 24 hours. The event raised significant funds to support the ongoing HQ works and showed the incredible determination of our volunteers and supporters.

We've also held several successful DIY days, but with over 450 parents in the group, more hands would make a huge difference. A couple of hours from everyone would transform what we can achieve. Every bit of help keeps our HQ improving and supports the best possible programme for our young people.

Governance and Thanks

Our Exec has now formally become a Trustee Board in line with Charity Commission requirements. We extend our thanks to **Darren Hughes** as Chair and Rob Partridge as Treasurer. This year also marks the retirement of **Sandie Pitt** as Group Secretary. Sandie has been an incredible support for so many years, and we thank her sincerely for her dedication and service.

Summary

Looking back, the progress we've made with new sections, fundraising, and HQ development is remarkable. Looking forward, our priorities remain clear: completing Ranche refurbishments, delivering the new kitchen, growing opportunities for young people, and ensuring our volunteer base is strong enough to deliver.

This is your Scout Group. Whether through helping at a meeting, lending DIY skills, fundraising, or driving the minibus, your support really does shape the future. Together, we can keep Longford Scouts thriving for the next generation.

CHAIR'S REPORT - DARREN HUGHES

The Group is a registered charity and was required by the Scout Association at the 2024 AGM to establish a Trustee Board. The Trustees of the Scout Group are responsible for ensuring that the Group meets requirements of the Charities Commission and the Scout Associations' policy, organisation and rules. Thanks to both Mary Lomax and Nick Anderson for their support which ensured a smooth transition from the Executive Committee and to the former Executive Committee members for their time and commitment to the Group.

In total are 9 members of the Trustee Board, which includes the Group Lead Volunteer and Treasurer. Since the inception of the Trustee Board the Trustees have focused on the areas of fundraising, stakeholder engagement and redevelopment of the Group Headquarters.

Significant progress has been made in connection with the Ranche stores and shippon, providing great facilities for our ever expanding membership. Discussions are ongoing with Trafford Borough Council to secure a long term commitment to further space adjacent to the Shippon building. In addition, with Trustee support, the Group is seeking to take advantage of grant funding for the installation of solar panels to assist in providing future energy security for the Group.

Successful fundraising activities such as the Cheshire Ring, plant sales and Bonfire night fireworks fund both the activities our members undertake but also the improvements of the Group's facilities. I would like to thank all our parents and carers who have contributed during the course of the year. These activities are crucial to the continuing success of the Group and I would invite all parents and carers to explore how they can help the Group.

The creation of the Squirrels, the first in Stretford District, is another great example of how our Group continues to expand offering Scouting to all. I am also pleased to see the development of our Saturday group. None of this would be possible without the fantastic support of our Leaders and Volunteers. On behalf of the Trustees I would like to thank the team led by Nick Anderson for their time and commitment to the Group.

My final thanks go to our Group Secretary, Sandie Pitt, for her support and commitment to the Group over the many years of her service, which has been greatly appreciated by all involved.

TREASURER'S REPORT - ROB PARTRIDGE

Fundraising and Donations

- An incredible £14,800 was raised from Cheshire Ring challenge– a fantastic event and fundraising achievement
- Another successful Bonfire night raised a record-breaking £3127
- 960 residual funds raised from the end of the last financial year by the plus 430 from a December fundraiser
- The annual Bedding Plant sales raised £2400
- The Group also received some charitable donations, including:-
 - o £35K Gosling Foundation
 - o £10000 donation from BERNARD SUNLEY FOUNDATION
 - o £2600 Skelton Bounty
 - o £1000 Forever Manchester
 - o £800 Benevity
 - o £730 Minibus donations
 - o £250 The window people
 - o £200 Matched fundraising

A huge thank you to the organisers of all the fundraising events and to all those who supported the events with attendance, purchases and donations.

Ranche Renovations

There was an outlay £105,000 to our main contractor for replacing much of the roofing, and renovating the store rooms and bouldering rooms

£17,000 was spent on related work including electricals, new doors and windows and heating

This expense was paid for through fundraising and use of excess reserves from previous years. AS the reserves are now depleted to just cover emergency reserve costs all new future renovation work will need to be costed and fund-raised in advance, an approach which working already with further development work in the 25/2 year

Although a large expense the renovations of 24/25 have taken the group large leaps forward by making the whole building watertight with new roofing and completing the core renovation work for most of the rooms off the courtyard.

Membership and subs

- There was another gradual increase in members throughout the year - from circa 260 to circa 290. This was matched with a gradual increase in subs paid throughout the year.
- Gift Aid paid back increased again this year (£12000) as a reflection of the increase in members and subs the previous year, plus Gift Aid claimed from donations. Gift Aid from subs should continue to increase as members increase.

- Capitation – the amount we give to the Scout Association per group member – increased for the fifth year running. A consequence of this and other increases in base costs another review of subs is being conducted.
- We are grateful for the regular subs payments from parents/carers that allow us to cover ‘base’ running costs and group programme costs – allowing fundraising and grants to be channelled into major projects such as the Ranche renovation.

Equipment and Training

- There was some paring back of training and scouting equipment this year (<£900 combined) to ensure sufficient funds could be made available for the main renovation work

End of Year Balances

- There was a drop in the group accounts from £67,000 to £35,000. This was a planned and managed reduction in the reserves to help fund the renovation work but still kept the Group within the required emergency reserves.
- Note: the End Of Year accounts are still to be finalised and subjected to an external audit prior to submission to the Charities Commission

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	2024-2025	2023-2024
Income		
Admin	2,996.41	940.00
Donation	53,055.92	16,087.50
Events	14,335.27	14,716.46
Events - Beavers	4,153.65	4,020.93
Events - Beavers (Saturday)	703.00	4.75
Events - Cubs	3,086.34	2,720.12
Events - Cubs (Saturday)	883.44	8,756.62
Events - Explorers	4,813.86	1,724.34
Events - Scouts	8,260.00	18,479.43
Events - Scouts (Saturday)	773.00	793.38
Events - Squirrels	55.00	0.00
Fundraising	23,566.19	12,475.27
Gift Aid	12,208.73	7,847.04
Meetings	0.00	56.70
Membership Fees	50,506.24	41,619.46
Expense		
Activity Equipment	3,072.25	1,386.00
Admin	4,482.71	1,775.07
Badges	2,157.77	0.00
Events	13,891.49	12,000.00
Events - Beavers	4,153.65	4,020.93
Events - Beavers (Saturday)	582.76	4.75
Events - Cubs	3,474.94	2,381.66
Events - Cubs (Saturday)	863.76	8,756.62
Events - Explorers	4,969.49	1,326.81
Events - Scouts	8,355.16	21,195.89
Events - Scouts (Saturday)	711.49	793.38
Events - Squirrels	55.00	0.00
Fundraising	3,992.53	5,052.26

HQ Run Costs	1,313.69	2,247.42
Insurance	1,503.40	1,469.35
Leader Uniform/Clothing	486.57	715.62
Meetings	456.04	2,769.08
Meetings - Beavers	140.73	615.30
Meetings - Beavers (Saturday)	6.77	379.98
Meetings - Cubs	100.44	1,229.91
Meetings - Cubs (Saturday)	229.06	-2,047.86
Meetings - Explorers	160.57	2,216.74
Meetings - Scouts	108.17	881.04
Meetings - Scouts (Saturday)	253.75	2,022.62
Meetings - Squirrels	48.27	0.00
Membership Costs	15,697.20	16,069.00
Minibus - Maintain & Insure	3,407.95	2,802.83
Neckers	483.10	0.00
Rent	1.00	225.00
Training	204.69	2,254.04
Training (Advanced)	312.55	0.00
Training (Young Leaders)	350.00	0.00
Utilities	5,505.66	2,512.49
Venue Maintenance	809.84	1,408.75
Venue Ranche Renovation	125,721.49	31,478.41

Account balances

Intermediary - PayPal	75.00	257.72
Expense Account	1,815.51	0.00
Sections - Co-op Bank Account	3,007.53	3,238.78
Sections - Cash	95.20	351.22
Group - Lloyds Account	32,571.91	65,307.25
Group - Cash	2,428.74	2,502.22
Group - Natwest	361.39	361.39
Sections - Co-op Bank SAVINGS	2,996.41	0.00

Summary

Account balance brought forward	72,018.58	69,719.67
Total income	179,397.05	130,242.00
Total expenditure	208,063.94	127,943.09
Net income	-28,666.89	2,298.91
Account balance carried forward	43,351.69	72,018.58



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	521676
1st Stretford Longford Scouts	521676

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	4/1/2023	To	3/31/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Accounting	0.00	-	-	-	940.00
Donation	53,055.92	-	-	53,056	16,087.50
Events	14,335.27	-	-	14,335	14,716.46
Events - Beavers	4,153.65	-	-	4,154	4,020.93
Events - Beavers (Saturday)	703.00	-	-	703	4.75
Events - Cubs	3,086.34	-	-	3,086	2,720.12
Events - Cubs (Saturday)	883.44	-	-	883	8,756.62
Events - Explorers	4,813.86	-	-	4,814	1,724.34
Events - Scouts	8,260.00	-	-	8,260	18,479.43
Events - Scouts (Saturday)	773.00	-	-	773	793.38
Events - Squirrels	55.00	-	-	55	0.00
Fundraising	23,566.19	-	-	23,566	12,475.27
Gift Aid	12,208.73	-	-	12,209	7,847.04
Meetings	0.00	-	-	-	56.70
Membership Fees	50,506.24	-	-	50,506	41,619.46
	176,401	-	-	176,401	130,242

Sub total (Gross income for AR)

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	176,401	-	-	176,401	130,242

Total receipts

A3 Payments	-	-	-	-	-
Accounting	0.00	-	-	-	940.00
Activity Equipment	3,072.25	-	-	3,072	1,386.00
Admin	1,486.30	-	-	1,486	835.07
Badges	2,157.77	-	-	2,158	0.00
Events	13,891.49	-	-	13,891	12,000.00
Events - Beavers	4,153.65	-	-	4,154	4,020.93
Events - Beavers (Saturday)	582.76	-	-	583	4.75
Events - Cubs	3,474.94	-	-	3,475	2,381.66
Events - Cubs (Saturday)	901.96	-	-	902	8,756.62
Events - Explorers	4,969.49	-	-	4,969	1,326.81
Events - Scouts	8,355.16	-	-	8,355	18,479.43
Events - Scouts (Saturday)	673.29	-	-	673	793.38
Events - Squirrels	55.00	-	-	55	0.00
Fundraising	3,992.53	-	-	3,993	5,052.26
HQ Run Costs	1,427.69	-	-	1,428	2,247.42
Insurance	1,503.40	-	-	1,503	1,469.35
Leader Uniform/Clothing	486.57	-	-	487	715.62
Meetings	456.04	-	-	456	2,769.08
Meetings - Beavers	140.73	-	-	141	615.30
Meetings - Beavers (Saturday)	6.77	-	-	7	379.98
Meetings - Cubs	100.44	-	-	100	1,229.91
Meetings - Cubs (Saturday)	229.06	-	-	229	-2,047.86
Meetings - Explorers	25.45	-	-	25	2,216.74
Meetings - Scouts	108.17	-	-	108	3,597.50
Meetings - Scouts (Saturday)	253.75	-	-	254	2,022.62
Meetings - Squirrels	48.27	-	-	48	0.00
Membership Costs	15,697.20	-	-	15,697	16,069.00
Minibus - Maintain & Insure	3,407.95	-	-	3,408	2,802.83
Neckers	483.10	-	-	483	0.00
Rent	1.00	-	-	1	225.00
Training	204.69	-	-	205	2,254.04
Training (Advanced)	312.55	-	-	313	0.00
Training (Young Leaders)	350.00	-	-	350	0.00
Utilities	5,505.66	-	-	5,506	2,512.49
Venue Maintenance	809.84	-	-	810	1,408.75
Venue Ranche Renovation	125,607.49	-	-	125,607	31,478.41
	204,932	-	-	204,932	127,943

Sub total

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

Sub total

Total payments **204,932** **-** **-** **204,932** **127,943**

Net of receipts/(payments)	- 28,532	-	-	- 28,532	2,299
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	69719.66	-	-	69,720	-
Cash funds this year end	41,188	-	-	41,188	2,299

Section B Statement of

Categories



B1 Cash funds

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Intermediary - PayIn	75.00	-	-
Expense Account E	1,815.51	-	-
Group - Co-op Bank	3,007.53		
Sections - Cash S	95.20		
Group - Lloyds Account	32,571.91		
Group - Cash G	2,428.74		
Group - Natwest G	496.51		
Sections - Co-op Bank	2,996.41		
Total cash funds	43,487	-	-
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B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

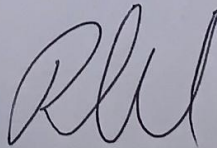
Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Robert Partridge	1/25/2026

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EOY Balances

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Income		
Accounting	0.00	940.00
Donation	53,055.92	16,087.50
Events	14,335.27	14,716.46
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Venue Maintenance	809.84	1,408.75
Venue Ranche Renovation	125,607.49	31,478.41

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 1470550



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

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

Section A Independent Examiner's R2eort

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
1st Stretford (Longford) Scouts

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/03/2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

521676

Set out on pages

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(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 30 / 03/ 2021.

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

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

**Independent examiner's
statement**

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

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

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

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

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

21/1/24

Name:

ROBERT MARSH

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

ACCA

Address:

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Section B Disclosure

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

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

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England & Wales - Charity number 521676

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Group Reports for Financial Year April 2023 / March 2024





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
1st Stretford Longford Scouts

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Scout Section	32,998.60	-	-	32,999	30,401.36
weekday Cub Section	2099.66	-	-	2,100	3845.57
Weekday Beaver Section	810.4	-	-	810	628.5
weekend Cub Section	3,591.21	-	-	3,591	250
Weekend Beaver Section	4.75	-	-	5	50
Weekend scouts Section	110	-	-	110	
Explorer Section	1316.02	-	-	1,316	1,282.23
Paypal	197.29	-	-	197	44.17
Income from Weekday Beaver section	3,211	-	-	3,211	0.00
Income from weekday Cubs section	611	-	-	611	1228.26
Income from Scout section	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
Income from Explorer section	408	-	-	408	214.54
Income from Saturday Beaver section	0	-	-	-	
Income from Saturday Cubs section	5,165.41	-	-	5,165	
Income from Saturday Scouts section	683	-	-	683	
Bedding Plants	4,929	-	-	4,929	3465.17
Capitation	0.00	-	-	-	
Cash to bank	940	-	-	940	
Clothing	0.00	-	-	-	
Covid	0.00	-	-	-	
Donations	14,070	-	-	14,070	8944.82
Expenses	0.00	-	-	-	
Fundraising	3,863	-	-	3,863	
Gas Water Electricity	0	-	-	-	
Gift aid	7,847	-	-	7,847	8212.41
Group Programme Costs	57	-	-	57	2330.36
HQ run costs	0.00	-	-	-	
Insurance	0.00	-	-	-	
Interest and Bank Charges	0.00	-	-	-	
Mini bus	0.00	-	-	-	
Miscellaneous	9	-	-	9	
NewSections Startup	0.00	-	-	-	
Rent	0.00	-	-	-	
Repairs - HQ	0.00	-	-	-	
Scouting Equipment	0.00	-	-	-	
Social Events	3,684	-	-	3,684	2746.7
Subscriptions	41,619	-	-	41,619	33109.8
ranche renovations	2,018	-	-	2,018	
Training	0.00	-	-	-	
	130,242	-	-	130,242	96,754

Sub total (Gross income for AR)

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	130,242	-	-	130,242	96,754

Total receipts

A3 Payments	-	-	-	-	-
Scout Section	32930.63	-	-	32,931	31659.14
weekday Cub Section	1941.04	-	-	1,941	4033.01
Weekday Beaver Section	777.42	-	-	777	764.9
weekend Cub Section	3503.79	-	-	3,504	128.13
Weekend Beaver Section	51.29	-	-	51	0
Weekend scouts Section	0	-	-	-	-
Explorer Section	1,902.20	-	-	1,902	1,047.08
Paypal	-	-	-	-	-
Income from Weekday Beaver section	3,859	-	-	3,859	605
Income from weekday Cubs section	1,671	-	-	1,671	3204.29
Income from Scout section	1,146	-	-	1,146	400
Income from Explorer section	1,641	-	-	1,641	214.54
Income from Saturday Beaver section	333	-	-	333	-
Income from Saturday Cubs section	3,205	-	-	3,205	100
Income from Saturday Scouts section	2,816	-	-	2,816	-
Bedding Plants	2,787	-	-	2,787	2290.89
Capitation	16,069	-	-	16,069	9064
Cash to bank	940	-	-	940	-
Clothing	716	-	-	716	£ 902.55
Covid	0	-	-	-	-
Donations	400	-	-	400	500
Expenses	0	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	305	-	-	305	-
Gas Water Electricity	2,512	-	-	2,512	2716.66
Gift aid	0.00	-	-	-	-
Group Programme Costs	8	-	-	8	4034.17
HQ run costs	2,247	-	-	2,247	1506.03
Insurance	1,469	-	-	1,469	-
Interest and Bank Charges	0.00	-	-	-	-
Mini bus	2,803	-	-	2,803	2127.09
Miscellaneous	835	-	-	835	461.11
NewSections Startup	2,761	-	-	2,761	163.95
Rent	225	-	-	225	350.15
Repairs - HQ	1,409	-	-	1,409	3277.87
Scouting Equipment	1,386	-	-	1,386	2167.37
Social Events	1,560	-	-	1,560	1057.44
Subscriptions	0.00	-	-	-	-
ranche renovations	31,478	-	-	31,478	27229.76
Training	2,254	-	-	2,254	635
Sub total	127,943	-	-	127,943	100,640

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	127,943	-	-	127,943	100,640
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,299	-	-	2,299	- 3,886
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	69719.66	-	-	69,720	-
Cash funds this year end	72,019	-	-	72,019	- 3,886

Section B Statement of

Categories

B1 Cash funds

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
CASH IN HAND	2411.70	-	-
Group Account	65307.25	-	-
Scout Account	3,198.80		
Cub Account	0		
Beaver Account	£55.14		
Explorer account	£465.21		
Saturday Beavers	£3.46		
Saturday Cubs	£209.30		
Saturday Scouts	110		
PAYPAL	257.72	-	-
Total cash funds	72,019	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval
27/01/2025

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

	Robert Partridge	05/01/2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's R2report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
1st Stretford(Longford) Scouts

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/03/2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

521676

Set out on pages

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

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

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

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

Signed:

Robert Marsh

Date:

27/1/25

Name:

ROBERT MARSH

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

ACCA

Address:

37 Wellcroft Gardens

Lymm

WA13 0LU

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

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

1st STRETFORD, 1st LONGFORD SCOUT GROUP
BALANCE SHEET 2023/24

ASSETS AS AT 01/04/23	£	ASSETS AS AT 31/03/24	£
Cash in Hand	629.82	Cash in Hand	2,411.70
Group Account	64,811.77	Group Account	65,307.25
Scout Account	3,147.19	Scout Account	3,198.80
Cub Account	(158.62)	Cub Account	0.00
Beaver Account	22.16	Beaver Account	55.14
Explorer account	1,051.30	Explorer account	465.21
Saturday Beavers	50.00	Saturday Beavers	3.46
Saturday Cubs	121.88	Saturday Cubs	209.30
Saturday Scouts	0.00	Saturday Scouts	110.00
PayPal	44.17	PayPal	257.72
profit for year	2,298.91		
TOTAL	<u>72,018.58</u>	TOTAL	<u>72,018.58</u>

AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
1ST STRETFORD, 1ST LONGFORD SCOUT GROUP

I have audited the financial information provided by the members and have where necessary relied upon the representations of the Treasurer.

In my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the groups affairs at 31st March 2024, and of its results for theyear then ended



R.MARSH
Auditor

1ST STRETFORD (LONGFORD) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 521676

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

PETER G STERLINI

Lease and Building Development for Longford Scouts HQ

Lease negotiations, for full occupancy of the entire Shippon complex, entered a final stage at end March 2023. The Council appointed a member of their legal team, and a limited number of issues were subjected to ongoing discussion.

The roof replacement for the west portion of the north wing and the creation of a new activity room in the north west corner was completed. The Group volunteers have carried on with internal modifications.

NLHF bid for Longford Park

By end 2023, the NLHF application was in the final stages of business plan development, and activity plan development. The NLHF officers were very supportive, and confidence was high that a strong bid submission would be made in May 2023.

General Items

I reiterate the following message from previous years year. A small minority of Parents / Carers are not paying their subs. The Group will obviously have sympathy with any parents who are in financial difficulty. However, I must remind you that the costs of running the Group are quite large.

On behalf of the Group, I would like to offer thanks to Longford Ward Councillors, and also the chairman and vice chairman of FOLP, Richard Bond and Rick Webb.

Problems of fly-tipping and general vandalism are still occurring. Parents/carers are asked to report any instances they may observe. These issues have been reported to the Community Safety Officer, Ian Underhill, but there appears to be little assistance on offer to deter these issues.

As per last year, may I please ask all parents and carers to have sympathy for the residents of the cottages opposite the headquarters when they are dropping off and collecting children.

Thank you to all involved with the Group (young people, leaders, parents, helpers, Exec, etc). Particular thanks to the GSL, Nick Anderson, for his ongoing, tremendous efforts on behalf of the Group, and to the unsung heroes, Sandie Pitt (secretary) and Rob Partridge (treasurer).

GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT

NICK ANDERSON

GSL Report

This report highlights the various significant achievements and developments that have defined our journey over the past months. From the establishment of new sections within our group, expanding our capacity to engage with a wider range of young individuals, to the exhilarating return to outdoor activities that have been the essence of scouting, and not to be overlooked, the impressive start of developments of the Ranche – these highlights epitomise the collective commitment and progress that have characterised our scout group.

It's been really great to see scouting getting back to normal after dealing with COVID. All the different sections have had the chance to go camping again, which is awesome. After all the disruptions, it's like getting back to our usual fun and adventure.

As of January 2023 our numbers have increased on our pre pandemic numbers (thanks to the opening of two new sections) - we've got a total of 220 young people in the group. 54 Beavers, 81 Cubs, 62 Scouts and 23 Explorers.

Last year, we took an inspiring step forward by launching Beaver and Cub sections on Saturdays, aiming to provide access to scouting for members of the Muslim community who might face weekday scheduling conflicts. This incredible expansion was made possible thanks to a group of dedicated new volunteers who underwent extensive training to facilitate these sections. Witnessing the opening of these sections at the beginning of the year was truly heartwarming, as we embraced the opportunity to offer scouting experiences to more young people in our community, fostering inclusivity and diversity at the core of our scouting values.

Reflecting on the past year, one of the most gratifying experiences has been observing a group of Explorer Scouts making the transition from their roles as young leaders to stepping into adult volunteers across various sections within our group. This accomplishment truly underscores the importance of the Young Leaders Scheme in nurturing capable and dedicated individuals. The seamless progression of these former young leaders into adult roles not only exemplifies their personal growth but also showcases the invaluable contributions they bring to our scouting community.

Over the past year, remarkable progress has been achieved in the development of the Ranche. Notably, we have successfully transformed previously unused space

acquired from the council into a new, purposeful room. This expansion marks a significant milestone, as it substantially amplifies our capabilities to enrich the young people's experiences within our programme. Additionally, we have connected this new room by knocking through internal walls, creating seamless internal access. As we move into the upcoming year, it's important to acknowledge that our journey continues. The tasks ahead are numerous, and we eagerly welcome any assistance that can be extended. Your support in these endeavors not only furthers the physical transformation but also enhances the opportunities we can provide to the young people in the group!

Exec Team

Once more, our heartfelt appreciation goes out to Peter Sterlini, who serves as the Chairperson and remains dedicated to collaborating with the council on lease matters. His instrumental role in advancing the creation of the new space at the Ranche over the past year has not gone unnoticed. A special acknowledgment also extends to Rob Partridge, who dutifully carries on as the treasurer, and Sandra Pitt, who admirably fulfills the role of secretary.

Adverts

Remember, our scout group thrives because of dedicated volunteers, these are all people just like you. As a purely volunteer-driven group, your involvement as parents is what truly makes a difference. Without your essential support, crafting an exceptional programme becomes a challenge. We invite parents to consider lending a hand as occasional helpers, even if it's just once a month – your contribution goes a long way. Moreover, we're actively seeking individuals to help us with driving our minibuses for evening events, camps, and other important outings. Your commitment to our scout group, as the heart of our community, ensures the success of a vibrant and enriching experience for all involved.

If you can help, in any way, please email info@longfordscouts.org.uk

Summary

Looking back on the past year, I am deeply grateful for the unwavering dedication of our volunteer leaders. They are the heartbeat of our group, infusing it with life and vitality. Their selfless commitment has allowed the young members of our group to partake in a diverse array of activities that shape their growth. It's truly remarkable to see these exceptional individuals, who juggle demanding work and family responsibilities, generously devote their time to our Group and your children. No amount of words can adequately convey my gratitude.

As we venture into the new year, a pivotal thought arises – how can our amazing group of parents actively participate to build the success of our group? After all, this

is your scout group - our aspirations for the year are ambitious, particularly concerning the ongoing refurbishment of the Ranche. In this journey, any form of assistance is invaluable. Whether it's lending a hand in decorating, tackling DIY tasks, or contributing to fundraising efforts, every bit counts.

TREASURER'S REPORT

ROBERT PARTRIDGE

Treasurers Report 2022/23

Fundraising and Donations

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End of Year Balances

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BEAVER REPORT

KEITH CHADBOURNE

This is the 21ST Beaver Report and probably the last I have written since starting to help with Beavers. All the Colonies have a direct link into a Cub Pack. We started this year with 3 Colonies and finished with 3. But the Saturday Colony has different Leaders and sometimes a slightly different programme though the Leaders are invited to the Planning Meetings and can pick up on our planned activities. The Monday and Wed Colonies started the year with 24 on the books in each and there is a long Waiting List for all three Colonies. The Saturday Colony have 19 Beavers.

At present there are four Warranted Beaver Leaders and 2 Young Leaders with the Mon & Wed Colonies. There is in addition 2 Section Assistants with the Wed Colony and 1 with the Mon Colony. The Saturday Colony has two Leaders and two Section Assistants. Sometimes it would be useful to have additional help but we have 1 parent who comes down to run activities for both Mon & Wed Colonies on occasions which are a great help. Other parents can be persuaded to help on a casual basis. I think we are giving the youngsters as varied and interesting programme as possible. Badge work has been restricted this year.

	Monday	Wednesday	Saturday
ACTIVITY BADGES			
Animal Friend	3	2	0
Book Reader	3	0	0
Builder	0	0	8
Camp Craft	12	5	5
Collector	0	0	0
Cook	2	1	14
Communicator	1	0	0
Creative	1	0	0
Cyclist	2	0	0
Digital Citizen	0	0	0
Disability Awareness	0	0	0
Emergency Aid	0	0	12
Explore	1	0	0
Experiment	19	21	0
Faith	1	0	0
Gardener	0	0	0
Global Issues	0	0	0
Health & Fitness	7	12	0
Hobbies	2	0	0
International	0	0	16
Money Skills	0	0	0
Musician	0	0	0
Photographer	0	0	0
Safety	0	0	0
Space	15	23	12
Sports	3	19	0

CHALLENGE AWARDS

Adventure	7	5	6
Outdoor Challenge	7	2	2
Skills	5	10	0
Personal	3	6	0
Teamwork	8	7	5
World	7	1	6
Chief Scout's Bronze Award	3	0	0

There have been a wide range of activities undertaken. To name but a few :- Fire lighting, cooking, learning a song, Fire Drill, Father's Day Card, Water Games, Litter Pick Meeting Someone from the Community, Treasure Hunt, Teamwork Challenge, Teddy Bear's Picnic & Log Chew, Bulb Planting, Football Themed Evening, Fire Prevention, Diwali, Night Hike, Space Activities Badge, Scottish Activities, Health & Fitness Activity Badge, Chinese New Year, Bird Feeder, Indoor Sports, St David's Day, Invent a Machine, Problem Solving, Mother's Day Craft, Easter Baking. In addition the Beavers have made things and played games. When possible we have held our meetings out of doors making use of the facilities in the park. Some Beavers also took advantage of the District run Christmas visit to Antz in Your Pantz.

Thank you to all those parents & Leaders who have helped over the last twelve months and thank you in advance to all those who will be helping in the next twelve months even if at this moment in time you do not know that you will be "volunteering" to help. Scouting is very much a team effort and I am very lucky to have such a very good team. I certainly am not very good at craft work and have limited computer skills but others in the team are gifted in those respects. The result is three good Beaver Colonies; but then I am biased and I would say that wouldn't I.

Thank you one and all and let's hope that the next year see good progress with all three Colonies.

CUB REPORT

PETER MARSH

Packs - Monday & Wednesday AGM Report

Cub numbers, 35 in Monday and 33 in Wednesday.

Leader number, 11 Monday and 10 Wednesday.

I'm please to say that both packs are being supported by Explorers who are doing a great job.

I'd like to thank all the leaders, explorers and other helpers who do so much to provide the cubs with an excellent programme.

Activities

Games, Hobbies, Map reading, Orienteering, Cooking, Night hike, Cooking Pancakes, Pack Forum, Chinese New Year, Emergency & Survival skills, Climbing, Group Challenges,

Kites, Local Knowledge Quiz, Home – Road & Personal Safety Badges, Pioneering, Camp

at Hebden Hey, Remembrance Service, Bonfire Night, Halloween Party, Team Building,

Wide Games, Skills Work, Water Games, Fire Lighting, Athletics Badges, Bike Ride,

Bouldering, EID Celebration, Environmental Conservation Badge, Assault Course, Tree

Tops, Cluedo, Healthy Eating, Human Body, Trip to Rylands Library, Gardeners Badge,

Junk Modelling & DIY Badge.

Badges Awarded,

Monday & Wednesday

2 Chief Scout's Silver Award

Challenge Badges

27 Our Adventure

16 Our Outdoors

28 Our Skill

4 Our World

3 Personal

21 Teamwork

2 Team Leader

Activity Badges

2 Entertainer 50 Pioneer

65 Road Safety 0 Home Help

2 Book Reader 0 Martial Arts

3 Collector 0 International

2 Animal Carer 45 Athletics

0 Hobbies 1 Disability Awareness

1 Sports Enthusiast 44 Cyclist

.5 Artist 61 Personal Safety

3 Scientist 1 Enviro Conserv

0 My Faith 60 Home Safety

31 Astronomer 0 Skater

3 Chef 0 Backwoods

1 DIY 0 Physical Rec

20 Athlete Plus 0 Water Activities

0 Naturalist 1 Photographer

2 Local Knowledge 1 Communicator

0 Equestrian 0 Gardener

Staged Badges

0 Digital Citizen

8 Swimmer

30 Hikes Away

46 Nights Away

31 Emergency Aid

37 Navigator

2 Musician

35 Nautical Skills

36 Paddle Sports

43 Time on Water

2 Snow Sports

9 Air Activities

59 Join in

16 Seconder

15 Sixer

Total Number of Badges 889

SCOUT REPORT

NICK ANDERSON

The Scout Section is now around the 60 mark and we continue to run a two week rotating programme to help us manage the numbers at each activity. Another year over - we have continued to run a balanced (but very active) programme covering a varied range of activities including axe throwing, outdoor skills, hikes, fire lighting, first aid, computer skills to name a few.

On a camping front we had two weekend camps, one at TattonPark Scout Camp and a Weekend Indoor camp at Hebden Bridge we also attended the group camp in June. For our Summer Camp we went to Yorkshire near Grassington. The campsite provided an excellent base right on the river and allowed for plenty of water activities to take place. The Scouts managed to have great fun and take part in Kayaking, orienteering, hiking. The week was finished off with caving a qualified instructor and crawling through crevices and holes underground!

It has been a busy year for badge work with the young people attaining the following:

Challenge	Staged and Activity
Adventure: 22 Teamwork: 31 Outdoors: 12 Teamwork: 15 Team Leader: 2	Hobbies: 26 Local Knowledge: 24 Physical Recreation: 25 Sports Enthusiast: 23 Street Sports: 2 World Faiths: 11 Hikes: 9 Nautical Skills: 42 Nights Away: 44 Paddle Sports: 43 Time on the Water: 44 Joining In: 48

Running a fantastic program isn't always possible without the help of parents - Thanks to all the parents that have helped out with running activities for the troop, whether it was turning up to nights hike or bike rides, your help is greatly received! We're actually hoping to get more people on board, even if you can only pitch in once a month. Honestly, any kind of help would be absolutely amazing!

Without parental help we wouldn't be able to run such an active programme for your young People. However we are always in need of people to help out. No matter how big or small it is always appreciated. If you think you can help the troop please email to scouts@longfordscouts.org.uk

EXPLORER REPORT

JOSH BOYD

The section has demonstrated significant progress and stability, with a commendable regular attendance of 20 enthusiastic individuals. This achievement reflects the dedication and commitment of our three core leaders, Edna, Terri, and Josh, who have been instrumental in delivering a high-quality program for our young participants.

During the reporting period, we made a deliberate shift towards incorporating more badge work-focused activities within the section. This decision was driven by two primary factors. Firstly, leader availability has been a recurring challenge for the section, and introducing badges provides structured frameworks that lighten the load for our volunteers. Secondly, our young participants have expressed a desire to pursue higher-level awards such as Platinum and Diamond. Therefore, we have responded to their aspirations by aligning activities with badge work. This approach has empowered our Explorers to actively plan their program each month, resulting in increased engagement and greater enthusiasm.

While we did encounter some leader turnover in the past 12 months, I am pleased to report that we have made significant progress and achieved stability in the first two quarters of 2023. Notably, we have successfully attracted new Explorers from outside our group, demonstrating our ability to deliver a compelling program that appeals to young people beyond our immediate network. Additionally, we have made substantial strides in completing Explorer Activity badges, an accomplishment that had eluded us for over two years. We also anticipate that 10 young individuals will be eligible to receive their Platinum award this year, pending the completion of their DofE Bronze requirements. Finally, our commitment to camping and outdoor activities is evident in the 15+ nights away we have organized over the past year.

While we celebrate our achievements, it is crucial to acknowledge the key risks that persist within the section. Leadership support remains a critical challenge for the Explorer section, as the age group often seeks independence from parents, making it difficult to find "parent helpers" among our volunteers. Moreover, the nature of Explorers, with its emphasis on adventurous activities, requires leaders with a diverse skill set to deliver impressive experiences. We must also consider the health and well-being of our volunteers, recognizing that they have their own professional commitments outside our regular meetings. While it is natural to have high expectations, we must strike a balance between maximizing their contributions and ensuring they do not feel overwhelmed or compelled to step away from their roles.

Another risk we must address is our reliance on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) program, which is crucial for attaining top awards. While we are actively exploring avenues to collaborate more closely with the District to enhance our DofE offerings, it is imperative to acknowledge that any failure in delivering on this front would severely impact our ability to achieve the highest accolades.

Looking ahead to the 23/24 period, I am pleased to report that the section is in a healthy position following a year marked by various challenges. Our focus remains

on delivering a robust program encompassing badge work and equipping our participants with essential life skills. However, it is imperative that our leadership team remains vigilant about the risks we have identified and adopts a proactive approach in managing them.

In closing, I extend my gratitude to all the young people who have shown their commitment and effort by attending week in, week out. Their enthusiasm is the driving force behind our success. Additionally, I would like to express my appreciation to our dedicated volunteers, whose invaluable contributions have made a significant impact on the growth and development of our Explorer section.

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	4/1/2022	To	3/31/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Scout Section	30,401.36	-	-	30,401	10,558
weekday Cub Section	3845.57	-	-	3,846	1,482
Weekday Beaver Section	628.5	-	-	629	664
weekend Cub Section	250.00	-	-	250	-
Weekend Beaver Section	50	-	-	50	-
Explorer Section	1282.23	-	-	1,282	2,232
Paypal	44.17	-	-	44	18,795
Income from Weekday Beaver section	0	-	-	-	600
Income from weekday Cubs section	1,228.26	-	-	1,228	1,461
Income from Scout section	0.00	-	-	-	1,108
Income from Explorer section	214.54	-	-	215	700
Income from Saturday Beaver section		-	-	-	-
Income from Saturday Cubs section		-	-	-	-
Bedding Plants	3465.17	-	-	3,465	1,801
Capitation		-	-	-	8,624
Cash to bank		-	-	-	715
Clothing		-	-	-	795
Covid		-	-	-	438
Donations	8944.82	-	-	8,945	-
Expenses		-	-	-	-
Gas Water Electricity		-	-	-	1,882
Gift aid	8212.41	-	-	8,212	-
Group Programme Costs	2330.36	-	-	2,330	315
HQ run costs		-	-	-	213
Insurance		-	-	-	1,138
Interest and Bank Charges		-	-	-	-
Mini bus		-	-	-	2,309
Miscellaneous		-	-	-	307
NewSections Startup		-	-	-	547
Rent		-	-	-	281
Repairs - HQ		-	-	-	89,597
Scouting Equipment		-	-	-	4,407
Social Events	2,746.70	-	-	2,747	1,112
Subscriptions	33,109.80	-	-	33,110	-
ranche renovations		-	-	-	-
Training		-	-	-	1,035
	96,754	-	-	96,754	153,118

Sub total(Gross income for AR)

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	96,754	-	-	96,754	153,118

Total receipts

A3 Payments	-	-	-	-	-
Scout Section	31,659.14	-	-	31,659	15,272
weekday Cub Section	4,033.01	-	-	4,033	1,074
Weekday Beaver Section	764.90	-	-	765	356
weekend Cub Section	128.13	-	-	128	479
Weekend Beaver Section	0.00	-	-	-	14,950
Explorer Section	1,047.08	-	-	1,047	400
Paypal		-	-	-	227
Income from Weekday Beaver section	605.00	-	-	605	78
Income from weekday Cubs section	3,204.29	-	-	3,204	-
Income from Scout section	400.00	-	-	400	-
Income from Explorer section	214.54	-	-	215	7,508
Income from Saturday Beaver section		-	-	-	
Income from Saturday Cubs section	100.00	-	-	100	
Bedding Plants	2,290.89	-	-	2,291	5,335
Capitation	9064	-	-	9,064	-
Cash to bank		-	-	-	5,609
Clothing	902.55	-	-	903	1,206
Covid		-	-	-	-
Donations	500.00	-	-	500	
Expenses		-	-	-	
Gas Water Electricity	2,716.66	-	-	2,717	1,014
Gift aid		-	-	-	-
Group Programme Costs	4,034.17	-	-	4,034	2,298
HQ run costs	1,506.03	-	-	1,506	418
Insurance		-	-	-	
Interest and Bank Charges		-	-	-	225
Mini bus	2127.09			2,127	3,310
Miscellaneous	461.11			461	3,125
NewSections Startup	163.95			164	-
Rent	350.15			350	
Repairs - HQ	3277.87			3,278	
Scouting Equipment	2167.37			2,167	
Social Events	1057.44			1,057	
Subscriptions				-	
ranche renovations	27229.76			27,230	
Training	635	-	-	635	865
	100,640	-	-	100,640	63,749

Sub total

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

Sub total

Total payments **100,640** **-** **-** **100,640** **63,749**

Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,886	-	-	- 3,886	89,369
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	73605.90	-	-	73,606	-
Cash funds this year end	69,720	-	-	69,720	89,369

Section B Statement of Categories

B1 Cash funds

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
CASH IN HAND	629.82	-	-
Group Account	64811.77	-	-
Scout Account	3147.19		
Cub Account	-158.62		
Beaver Account	22.16		
Explorer account	1051.3		
Saturday Beavers	50		
Saturday Cubs	121.88		
PAYPAL	44.17	-	-
Total cash funds	69,720	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

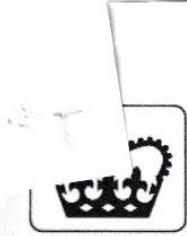
B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Robert Partridge	1/5/2023

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Section A Independent Examiner's R2eport

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
1st Stretford(Longford) Scouts

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/03/2023 **Charity no
(if any)** 521676

Set out on pages

CC16A (PAGES 1-3)
(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").

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

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

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

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

Signed:

Date:

Name: ROBERT MARSH

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

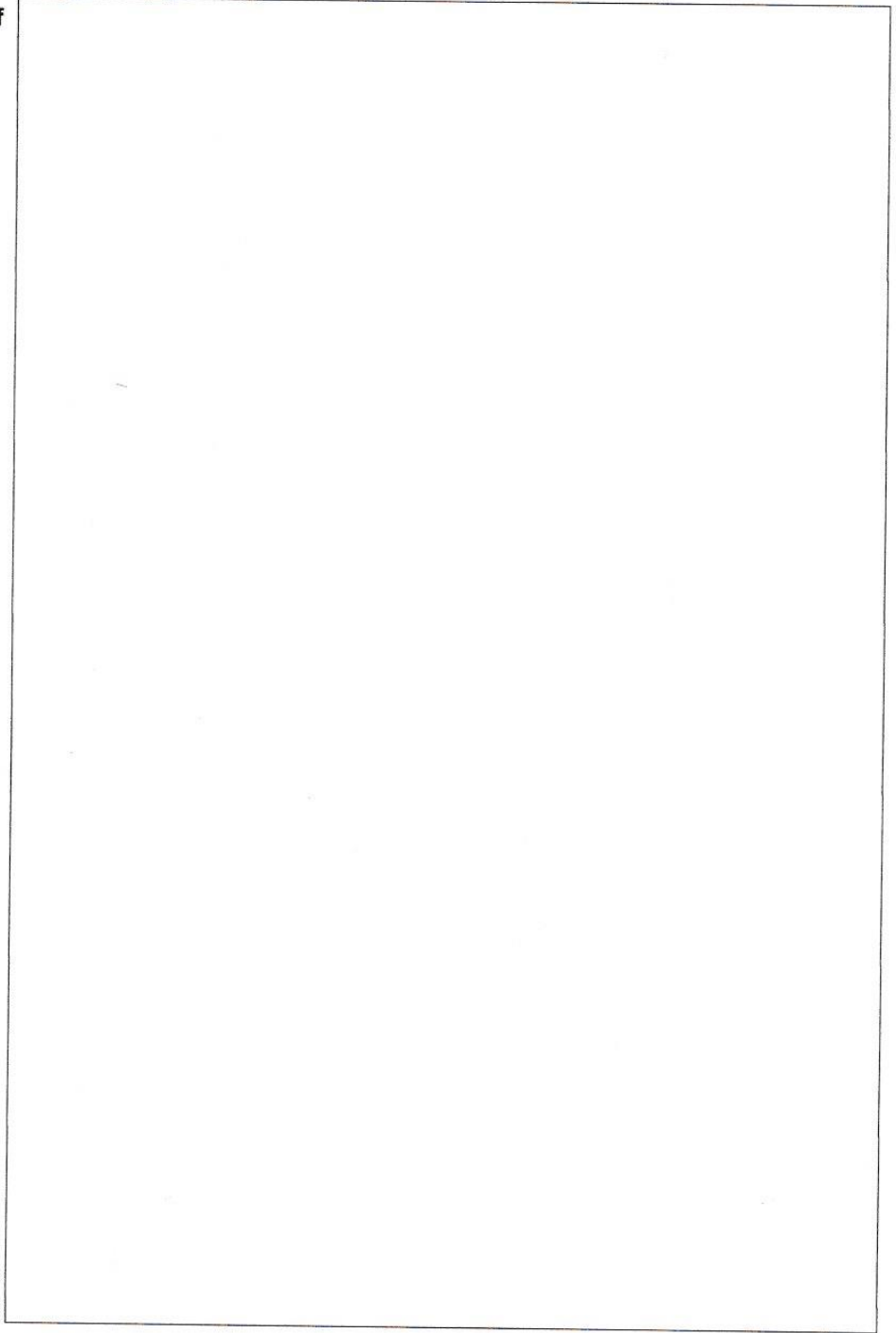
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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



**1st STRETFORD, 1st LONGFORD SCOUT GROUP
BALANCE SHEET 2022/23**

ASSETS AS AT 01/04/22	£	ASSETS AS AT 31/03/23	£
Cash in Hand	159	Cash in Hand	629.82
Group Account	68038.4	Group Account	64811.77
Scout Account	4404.97	Scout Account	3147.19
Cub Account	44.85	Cub Account	-158.62
Beaver Account	158.56	Beaver Account	22.16
Explorer account	816.15	Explorer account	1051.3
Saturday Beavers	50	Saturday Beavers	50
Saturday Cubs	50	Saturday Cubs	121.88
PayPal	0.00	PayPal	
		defecit on year 2023	4046.43
TOTAL	73721.93	TOTAL	73721.93

**AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
1ST STRETFORD, 1ST LONGFORD SCOUT GROUP**

I have audited the financial information provided by the members and have where necessary relied upon the representations of the Treasurer.

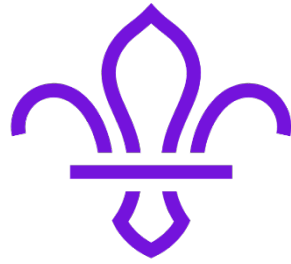
In my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the groups affairs at 31st March 2023, and of its results for theyear then ended

R.MARSH
Auditor

1ST STRETFORD (LONGFORD) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 521676

Accounts



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Group Reports for FY April 2021 / March 2022

CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

PETER G STERLINI

Lease and Building Development for Longford Scouts HQ

The negotiation for a new lease and full occupancy of the entire Shippon complex is still ongoing. I have been expediting Trafford Borough Council for over 12 years on this matter, with the support of Longford Ward Councillors, and we may now be approaching a conclusion. Having been promised the lease at the end of 2020, and agreed some draft heads of terms at the start of 2021, we are still waiting for the Council's legal team to draft a lease. The Council committed to completing a thorough building survey, but only completed a minor survey assessment, and they have assembled some indicative cost estimates – the Scout Group has still not received any of this information. I, therefore, committed some Group funds to obtain a survey, and we are progressing with development on this basis.

In order to progress the development, I asked for, and received, a letter of intent from the Council, committing to the lease in writing, and allowing the Group to progress with grant fund applications and progress work on the building.

The current occupancy has been provided with a completely new roof, mainly funded by Covid rate rebates received from the Council.

Rob Partridge, Nick Anderson and myself completed a successful application to the Government's Youth Investment Fund, winning grant funding of £50k. This has helped to finance the combined roof replacement for the west portion of the north wing and the creation of a new activity room in the north west corner. I have completed a (ultimately successful) planning application for the works in the north west corner.

The work is ongoing, but is expected to be ready for September scouting activities.

I wish to thank the Structural Engineer and Manchester Archaeological Advisory Service for providing several thousand pounds of free services.

NLHF bid for Longford Park

The NLHF application is being progress by the Council and its partners (Longford Scouts are a recognised partner), with a planned submission in November 2022. Although I have agreed that the Shippon development is out-with the NLHF scope, I have negotiated £50k of funding, in the event of a successful bid, which will be applied to renovate the west room, as one of the last pieces of Shippon development, in 2023/2024.

General Items

I reiterate the following message from previous years year. A small minority of Parents / Carers are not paying their subs. The Group will obviously have sympathy with any parents who are in financial difficulty. However, I must remind you that the costs of running the Group are quite large. Current outgoings (utilities, capitation, rent, insurance, minibus costs plus equipment and training) equate to a subscription requirement of approximately £12 per member per month. Building development also have to be considered. Subscriptions are not an option.

On behalf of the Group, I would like to offer thanks to Longford Ward Councillors, and also the chairman and vice chairman of FOLP, Richard Bond and Rick Webb.

Problems of fly-tipping and general vandalism are still occurring. Parents/carers are asked to report any instances they may observe. These issues have been reported to the Community Safety Officer, Ian Underhill, but there appears to be little assistance on offer to deter these issues.

As per last year, may I please ask all parents and carers to have sympathy for the residents of the cottages opposite the headquarters when they are dropping off and collecting children.

Thank you to all involved with the Group (young people, leaders, parents, helpers, Exec, etc). Particular thanks to the GSL, Nick Anderson, for his ongoing, tremendous efforts on behalf of the Group, and to the unsung heroes, Sandie Pitt (secretary) and Rob Partridge (treasurer).

GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT

NICK ANDERSON

As of January 2022 our numbers haven't fully returned to where they were pre-covid. We were roughly 10 members up from last year but still about 40 down from pre-covid. This is mainly across the Beaver and Cub sections and results from Covid-19 restrictions imposing smaller group sizes when we could meet face-to-face.

The group membership is as follows:

- Beavers 30, Cubs 58, Scouts 52, Explorers 37

Despite a challenging year with the pandemic we've had a few exciting developments within the group. The first is opening a Saturday Beaver Colony and Cub Pack, which has been in conjunction with a group of new volunteers and will allow access to Scouting for those who traditionally can't attend mid-week meetings.

Additionally we've continued with the development of the Ranche with completely replacing the roof on our current occupancy and carrying out some internal repairs. As we come to the end of the financial year we've started development of a second main room to allow our sections to have more space to run section meetings.

It was great to see our Cubs, Scouts and Explorers manage to get some nights away under restrictions and still being able to offer our young people great experiences

Exec Team

Again, thank you to Peter Sterlini (Chairperson) who continues to work with the council around the lease and has been a great driver of the re-developments at the Ranche over the last twelve months. I'd also like to thank Rob Partridge as he continues as treasurer and Sandra Pitt as secretary!

Adverts

New leaders are always welcome, and the group would welcome any volunteers who might consider becoming leaders. We are also looking for parents who could be occasional helpers and help out once a month.

We are also looking for people to help drive our minibuses to evening/events and camps etc.

If you can help, in any way, please email info@longfordscouts.org.uk

Summary

As always I must give the biggest thanks to all our volunteer leaders. Our Leaders are the heart and soul of our group and without these amazing people giving up all their time the young people in the group would not be able to take part in such a wide range of activities! The majority of our volunteers have very busy working lives and families so it is all the more impressive the amount of time they freely give to the Group and your children. Words cannot express my thanks strongly enough.

May I please offer grateful thanks to all who have helped the group out, in any way.

TREASURER'S REPORT

ROB PARTRIDGE

Ranche Renovations

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BEAVER REPORT

Keith Chadbourne

This is the 20th Beaver Report I have written since starting to help with Beavers. Each of the Mon & Wed Colonies have a direct link into a Cub Pack. We started this year with 2 Colonies and finished with 3. The Saturday Colony has different Leaders and a different programme. The Monday and Wed Colonies started the year with 18 on the books in each Colony which has gradually increased to 20 and there is a long Waiting List for all three Colonies.

At present there are four Warranted Beaver Leaders and 4 Young Leaders with the Mon & Wed Colonies. There is in addition a Section Assistant with the Wed Colony and 2 with the Mon Colony. Sometimes it would be useful to have additional help but we have two parents who come down to run activities for both Colonies on occasions which are a great help. Other parents can be persuaded to help on a casual basis. Now that the major restrictions imposed by Covid 19 are largely over we have been getting back to something like normal meetings. I think we are giving the youngsters as varied and interesting programme as possible. Badge work has been restricted this year.

ACTIVITY BADGES	Monday Colony	Wednesday Colony
Animal Friend	0	1
Builder	2	1
Camp Craft	1	0
Collector	0	1
Cook	1	1
Creative	0	6
Cyclist	13	12
Digital Citizen	0	2
Disability Awareness	0	2
Emergency Aid	15	15
Experiment	7	1
Global Issues	7	0
Money Skills	15	14
Musician	0	1
Sports	1	0

Challenge Badges	Wednesday Colony	Monday Colony
Adventure	2	0
Skills	0	1
Personal	2	5
Teamwork	2	3
World	6	4

Chief Scouts Bronze Award	Monday	Wednesday
	2	2

There have been a wide range of activities undertaken. To name but a few:

St George finger puppets, archery, orienteering, Highland games, Free Trade, Litter pick, mini pioneer, Team Challenges, obstacle course, cycling, Green Cross Code, story, treasure hunt, Log Chew, teddy bear's picnic, Fire Drill, bulb planting, bouldering, invent a machine, Emergency Aid, Halloween, money skills activity badge, make a calendar, bird feeder, teeth, bird/animal knowledge, beetle drive, Islamic Evening.

In addition the Beavers have made things and played games. When possible we have held our meetings out of doors making use of the facilities in the park. Some Beavers also took advantage of the District run Christmas visit to Antz in Your Pantz and the County organised visit to Blackpool Zoo.

As I mentioned earlier we have started a new Beaver Colony on a Saturday morning with a whole lot of new Leaders who are new to Scouting. They are very keen and after visiting the Mon and Wed Colonies on a number of occasions they decided in the New Year to start on their own. The Cub Leader and I visited them for the first few weeks to provide help and back-up. With the help of other Leaders they were introduced to archery and tracking. After that their meetings have covered much the same activities as the other two Colonies.

Thank you to all those parents & Leaders who have helped over the last twelve months and thank you in advance to all those who will be helping in the next twelve months even if at this moment in time you do not know that you will be "volunteering" to help. Scouting is very much a team effort and I am very lucky to have such a very good team. I certainly am not very good at craft work and have limited computer skills but others in the team are gifted in those respects. The result is three good Beaver Colonies; but then I am biased and I would say that wouldn't I.

Thank you one and all and let's hope that the next year will see good progress with all three Colonies.

CUB REPORT

Peter Marsh

Packs

- Monday
- Wednesday

Cub numbers

- 35 in Monday
- 33 in Wednesday.

Leader numbers

- 10 Monday
- 8 Wednesday

I'm please to say that both packs are being supported by Explorers who are doing a great job.

I'd like to thanks all the leaders, explorers and other helpers who do so much to provide the cubswith an excellent programme.

Activities

Games, Hobbies, Map reading, Orienteering, Cooking, Night hike, Cooking Pancakes, Pack Forum, Chinese New Year, Emergency, Survival skills, Photographer Badge, Climbing, Group Challenges, Kites, Local Knowledge Quiz, Home – Road, Personal Safety Badges, Stain Glass Work, Trip to the Stretford Public Hall, Pioneering, Camp at Hebden Hey, Remembrance Service, Bonfire Night, Halloween Party, Team Building, Wide Games, Skills Work, Water Games, Fire Lighting Athletics Badge Bike Ride, Bouldering.

Badges Awarded

12 Chief Scout's Silver Award

Challenge Badges	Activity Badges	Staged Badges
44 Our Adventure	1 Entertainer	78 Hikes Away
11 Our Outdoors	3 Home Help	29 Nights Away
14 Our Skills	7 Book Reader	47 Emergency Aid
12 Our World	1 Martial Arts	4 Navigator
16 Personal	1 Animal Carer	11 Nautical Skills
17 Teamwork	41 Athletics	9 Paddle Sports
10 Team Leader	8 Hobbies	11 Time on Water
	15 Disability Awareness	9 Air Activities
	3 Cyclist	48 Join in
	4 Artist	
	3 Enviro Conserv	

Challenge Badges	Activity Badges	Staged Badges
	1 My Faith 1 Astronomer 1 Chef 1 Backwoods 3 DIY 11 Athlete Plus 23 Local Knowledge 20 Communicator 1 Equestrian 1 Gardener	11 Seconder 10 Sixer
Total Number of Badges 555		

SCOUT REPORT

Nick Anderson

The Scout Section continues with membership around the 50 mark and when we had face-to-face meetings we continued to run a three week rotating programme to help us manage the numbers at each activity and comply with government advised group sizes

The last year has mainly been a mixture of zoom meeting and face to face meetings with a variety of restrictions and measures over the year.

Surprisingly we managed to get away on a Summer Camp. With litres of hand sanitiser and 100's of face coverings packed we headed to Forest Camp near Northwich. We had a total of 27 young people attend who had to separate into bubbles for the 5 days we were there. They also took part in all normal camping activities including cooking, pioneering kayaking and walking. The week was rounded off with an inflatable water obstacle course.

Despite a mixed year of some restrictions it still has been a busy year for badge work with the young people attaining the following:

Challenge	Staged	Activity
Adventure - 31 Creative - 11 Outdoors - 5 Personal - 3 Skills - 4 Team Leader - 5 Team Work - 3 World - 1 Chief Scout Gold Award - 2	Hikes - 13 Musician - 2 Navigator - 29 Nights Away - 18 Paddlesports - 9 Swimmer - 5 Digital Citizen - 3 Time on Water - 21 Joining In - 48	Athletics - 29 Hobbies - 12 Model Maker - 38 Physical Recreation - 1 World Faiths - 13 Air Activities - 2

We've welcomed Luca to the Leadership Team who previously was a young leader with us. Additionally thanks to all the parents that have helped out with running activities for the troop, whether it was turning up to nights hike or bike rides, your help has allowed us to get back to a normal programme.

Without parental help we wouldn't be able to run such an active programme for your young People. However we are always in need of people to help out. No matter how big or small it is always appreciated. If you think you can help the troop please email to scouts@longfordscouts.org.uk

EXPLORER REPORT

Josh Boyd

The Explorer section is now made up of approximately 20 - 30 young people who regularly attend Tuesday meetings. The section has built a strong regular attendance record of the same individuals, with additional visits from our less regular members.

As the leadership team has changed over the past 12 months, so has the operational model and delivery of programming. Due to leadership views, a programme of more in depth training and activities has been a focus point for the unit, moving away from previous 'taster' style activities. Our vision is to develop member skills over a multiple year period in both practical and mental areas which enables the unit to take part in more adventurous activities than previously possible. For example, using both traditional mapping methods for training navigation, alongside using digital open source technologies to provide another level of education. An interest has been expressed by the young people to continue this level of programming. A specific example of this is within air rifle shooting - our members desire a more comprehensive experience both practical and theoretical, not simply the regular business of target shooting as an evening activity.

The leadership team has a smaller focus on DofE due to their views on the award. While this is still offered, and training is integrated into the programme, the leadership team will use DofE as a programming aid rather than a programming point. Furthermore, we will continue to offer expeditions and opportunities, but the needs of the wider membership not taking part in extra DofE activities must be recognised.

After a summer camp in 2021 the group is slowly reaffirming their desire to make outdoor adventures a key part of the annual calendar as it had been previously before Covid. We are also looking into more independent Explorer experiences away from recent history, such as participation in events such as area specific Jamboree and The Fells Marathon. As part of this, we will be looking towards the district to collaborate with us in planning and taking part in these events.

The leadership team now includes Edna Holroyd, Stuart Dobbie, Joshua Boyd, and Sean Scully.



Treasurers Report 2021/22

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Scout Section	14,931.76	-	-	14,932	8,118
Cub Section	1,499.00	-	-	1,499	1,074
Beaver Section	605.60	-	-	606	400
Explorer Section	2,632.48	-	-	2,632	153
Paypal	17826.12	-	-	17,826	13,974
Income from Beaver section	0.00	-	-	-	-
Income from Cubs section	550.22	-	-	550	-
Income from Scout section	0.00	-	-	-	-
Income from Explorer section	0.00	-	-	-	-
Bedding Plants	2,860.16	-	-	2,860	-
Capitation	0.00	-	-	-	-
Cash to bank	715	-	-	715	-
Clothing	0.00	-	-	-	-
Covid	0.00	-	-	-	-
Donations	63980.6	-	-	63,981	34,411
Expenses	0.00	-	-	-	-
Gas Water Electricity	11.63	-	-	12	-
Gift aid	6,095.50	-	-	6,096	8,460
Group Programme Costs	0.00	-	-	-	-
HQ run costs	0.00	-	-	-	-
Insurance	0.00	-	-	-	-
Interest and Bank Charges	0.00	-	-	-	-
Mini bus	280.00	-	-	280	-
Miscellaneous	0.00	-	-	-	297
NewSections Startup		-	-	-	
Rent	0.00	-	-	-	-
Repairs - HQ	0	-	-	-	-
Scouting Equipment	300	-	-	300	-
Social Events	2648.83	-	-	2,649	-
Subscriptions	26444.1	-	-	26,444	25,307
Training	300	-	-	300	60
	141,681	-	-	141,681	92,254
Sub total (Gross income for AR)					
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total					
	141,681	-	-	141,681	92,254

Total receipts

A3 Payments	-	-	-	-	-
Scout Section	10,558.02	-	-	10,558	15,272
Cub Section	1482.15	-	-	1,482	1,074
Beaver Section	663.97	-	-	664	356
Explorer Section	2,232.28	-	-	2,232	479
Paypal	18794.93	-	-	18,795	14,950
Income from Beaver section	600	-	-	600	400
Income from Cubs section	1460.75	-	-	1,461	227
Income from Scout section	1108	-	-	1,108	78
Income from Explorer section	700.00	-	-	700	-
Bedding Plants	1,801.44	-	-	1,801	-
Capitation	8,624.00	-	-	8,624	7,508
Cash to bank	715	-	-	715	-
Clothing	795.38	-	-	795	-
Covid	437.98	-	-	438	5,335
Donations	0.00	-	-	-	-
Expenses	0	-	-	-	5,609
Gas Water Electricity	1,881.86	-	-	1,882	1,206
Gift aid	0	-	-	-	-
Group Programme Costs	314.6	-	-	315	-
HQ run costs	213.38	-	-	213	-
Insurance	1138.38	-	-	1,138	1,014
Interest and Bank Charges	0	-	-	-	-
Mini bus	2308.94	-	-	2,309	2,298
Miscellaneous	307.21	-	-	307	418
NewSections Startup	547.35	-	-	547	-
Rent	281.25	-	-	281	225
Repairs - HQ	89,597.09	-	-	89,597	3,310
Scouting Equipment	4,407.28	-	-	4,407	3,125
Social Events	1,111.84	-	-	1,112	-
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-
Training	1035	-	-	1,035	865
Sub total	153,118	-	-	153,118	63,749
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	153,118	-	-	153,118	63,749
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 11,437	-	-	- 11,437	28,505
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	85042.98	-	-	85,043	-
Cash funds this year end	73,606	-	-	73,606	28,505

Section B Statement of

Categories

B1 Cash funds

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
CASH IN HAND	159	-	-
OLD BANK ACCOUNT	0	-	-
NEW BANK ACCOUNT	68038.4		
SCOUT ACCOUNT	4404.97		
CUB ACCOUNT	28.82		
BEAVER ACCOUNT	158.56		
EXPLORER ACCOUNT	816.15		
PAYPAL	0	-	-
Total cash funds	73,606	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Robert Partridge	05/01/2023
		05/01/2023

**1st STRETFORD, 1st LONGFORD SCOUT GROUP
BALANCE SHEET 2021/22**

ASSETS AS AT 01/04/21	£	ASSETS AS AT 31/03/22	£
Cash in Hand	57.45	Cash in Hand	159
Old Account	0	Old Account	0
New Account	83340.639	New Account	68038.4
Scout Account	31.23	Scout Account	4404.97
Cub Account	11.97	Cub Account	28.82
Beaver Account	216.93	Beaver Account	158.56
Explorer account	415.95	Explorer account	816.15
PayPal	968.81	PayPal	0
Surplus on year 2022		deficit on year 2022	11437.08
TOTAL	<u><u>85042.98</u></u>	TOTAL	<u><u>85042.98</u></u>

**AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
1ST STRETFORD, 1ST LONGFORD SCOUT GROUP**

I have audited the financial information provided by the members and have where necessary relied upon the representations of the Treasurer.

In my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the groups affairs at 31st March 2022, and of its results for theyear then ended



R.MARSH
Auditor



Section A

Independent Examiner's R2eport

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
1st Stretford(Longford) Scouts

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/03/2022	Charity no (if any)	521676
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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 30/03/2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

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

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

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

Signed: 

Date: 21/12/22

Name: ROBERT MARSH

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

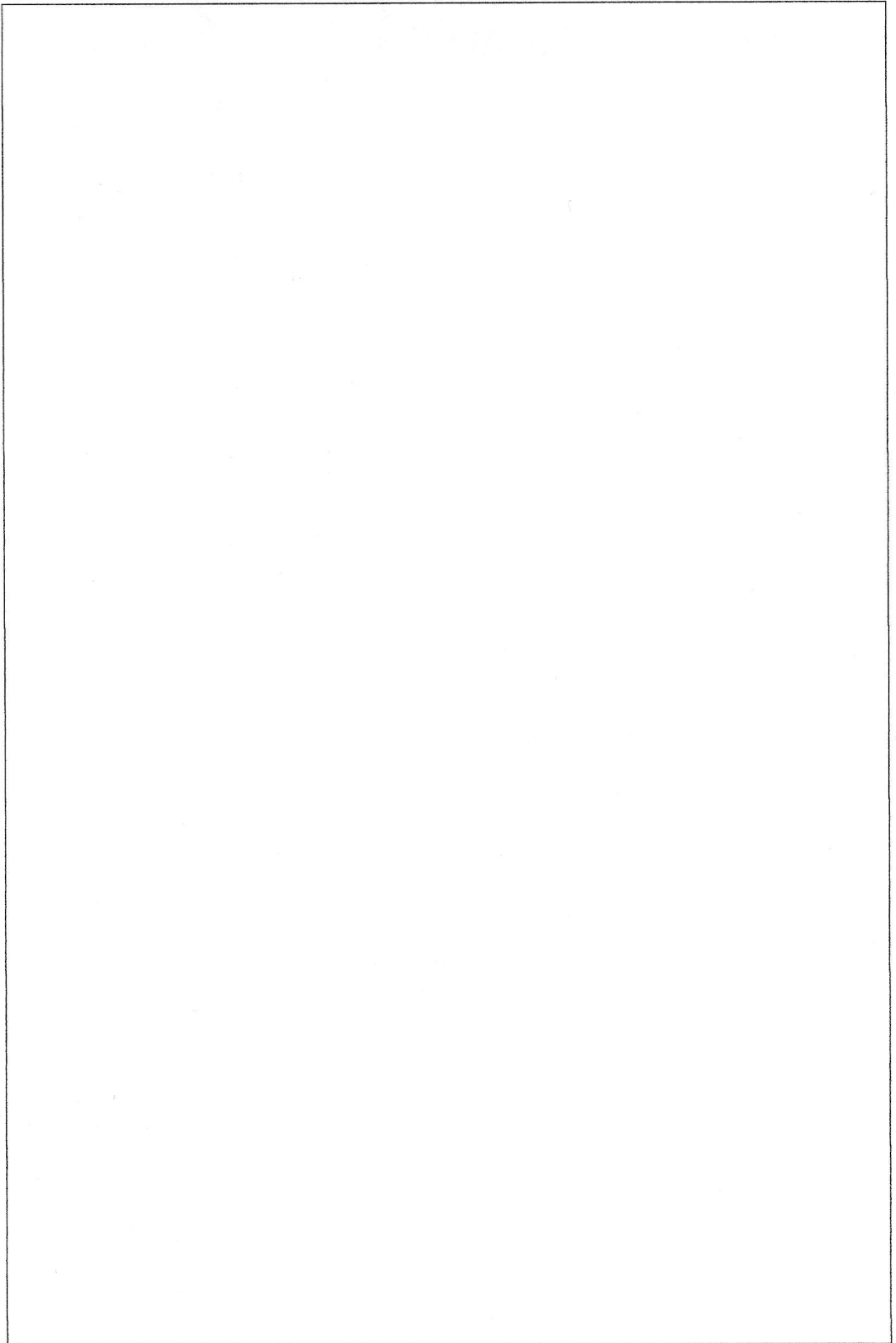
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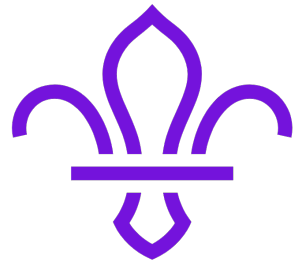
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



1ST STRETFORD (LONGFORD) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 521676

Accounts



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Longford



1st Stretford (Longford) Scout Group

AGM 2021 Reports



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

MR P.G. STERLINI

I must begin by declaring my sympathies for all who have been affected by the Covid pandemic. It has been a terrible situation for many – let us hope that the worst is behind us.

Thanks must be offered to all the leaders, helpers and parents who have made efforts to support the group during online meetings, and outdoor face to face meetings. 2020 / 2021 has seen a surprisingly consistent maintenance of member numbers for all sections despite the pandemic.

The negotiation for a new lease and full occupancy of the entire Shippon complex have progressed slowly since the start of FY20/21. The Council has committed to completing a structural survey early in FY21/22, and we should be able to proceed to complete the negotiation for the new lease/increased occupancy in the first half of FV21/22. With the money saved so far for building improvement, the Group intent is to fund a new roof for the North wing of the Shippon, prior to finalising the lease, as the roof continues to leak. This will indicate the Group's intent to maintain the building integrity, and takes cognisance of the Council's repeated mantra regarding lack of money.

The national lottery heritage fund (NLHF) bid, stage 2, has been delayed by the pandemic. The Council are in the process of appointing a professional team to support the application and associated stakeholders.

I reiterate the following message from last year. A small minority of Parents / Carers are not paying their subs. The Group will obviously have sympathy with any parents who are in financial difficulty. However, I must remind you that the costs of running the Group are quite large. Current outgoings (utilities, capitation, rent, insurance, minibus costs plus equipment and training) equate to a subscription requirement of approximately £12 per member per month. Building maintenance and a fund for future expansion (noting the requirement to commit funds to a new roof – refer previous) also have to be considered. Subscriptions are not an option.

On behalf of the Group, I would like to offer thanks to ex-Councillor Anne Duffield, and also the chairman and vice chairman of FOLP, Richard Bond and Rick Webb.

Problems of fly-tipping and general vandalism are still occurring. Parents/carers are asked to report any instances they may observe. These issues have been reported to the Community Safety Officer, Ian Underhill, but there appears to be little assistance on offer to deter these issues.

As per last year, may I please ask all parents and carers to have sympathy for the residents of the cottages opposite the headquarters when they are dropping off and collecting children.

Thank you to all involved with the Group (young people, leaders, parents, helpers, Exec, etc). Particular thanks to the GSL, Nick Anderson, for his ongoing, tremendous efforts on behalf of the Group, and to the unsung heroes, Sandie Pitt (secretary) and Rob Partridge (treasurer).



GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT

MR N. ANDERSON

Who knew as we entered into April last year that a 4 week lockdown would lead to nearly a whole year on Zoom! Our leaders and young people have done a tremendous job of keeping scouting alive during this unprecedented time! To continue Scouting the group initially held a weekly challenge however when it became clearer that lockdown was due to be lengthy we moved to Zoom meetings for all our sections.

As of January 2021 numbers were roughly 50 down from last year. This is mainly across the Beaver and Cub sections and is caused due to Covid-19 restrictions and the restriction of smaller group sizes when we could meet face-to-face. The group membership is as follows: Beavers 21, Cubs 52, Scouts 57, Explorers 35

During the course of Lockdown the majority of downstairs paintwork was touched up and repainted accordingly. A mural was repainted in the mainroom, the Denis Taylor room floor was sanded and varnished and the Kitchen had the cupboards vinyl wrapped to give it a fresh look. Additionally all internal doors were varnished and the front door had a new lick of green paint to smarten it up.

Over the weekend of 4th to 5th July we held our first ever virtual camp. This was a weekend of activities and events for the young people to do at home either over Zoom or around their local area. Over 70 of our members attended and took part in the weekend. The highlight of the weekend was our very own "Saturday Night Takeaway" Live which included games, quizzes and presentations of awards and badges.

The Scouts and Explorers were due to attend Holland for their Summer camp however due to Covid-19 this camp and all other camps were cancelled this year. Luckily the trip was protected by insurance and we were able to rec-coup and refund the majority of our costs.

In readiness for returning to Scouting the group secured a lease for the land at the back of the Shippon. Fencing was purchased and installed to secure this area along with additional floodlights to be used on the dark evenings.

Due to increased restrictions in Manchester it wouldn't be until Monday 5 October that our sections would finally return to face-to-face Scouting. All meetings would be outside and be run as per our covid-secure risk assessment. As part of getting ready to return all our leaders underwent training on how to return scouting in a covid-secure way. After a short return England returned to lockdown for four weeks, starting at the beginning of November, and meetings once again returned to Zoom. As we approach the end of March we soon hope to return to face-to-face Scouting once again!

In the latter months of the year a major overall of the storage of all our equipment in both the Ranche and Annexe was completed. The purchase of additional racking allowed the group to store our equipment more efficiently.

Over the last 12 months we've had over 260 Zoom Calls across all our sections and in total all our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers participated in over 5580 hours of virtual scouting!

Exec Team

Again, thank you to Peter Sterlini (Chairperson) who is again badgering the council to get more space to accommodate the increased numbers and finalise our Lease. I'd also like to thank Rob Partridge as he continues as treasurer and gets to grips with the figures and budget!

Adverts

New leaders are always welcome, and the group would welcome any volunteers who might consider becoming leaders. We are also looking for parents who could be occasional helpers and help out once a month.

We are also looking for people to help drive our minibuses to evening/events and camps etc.



If you can help, in any way, please email info@longfordscouts.org.uk

The Ranche...

The Ranche has received some much needed TLC this year with a refresh of paintwork throughout and is looking smarter - thank you to all those who helped out.

We are looking for a couple of parents to help with odd jobs around the building. Fixing benches and door handles etc. If this could be you please email info@longfordscouts.org.uk

Summary

As always I must give the biggest thanks to all our volunteer leaders. Our Leaders are the heart and soul of our group and without these amazing people giving up all their time the young people in the group would not be able to take part in such a wide range of activities even over Zoom! The majority of our volunteers have very busy working lives and families so it is all the more impressive the amount of time they freely give to the Group and your children. Words cannot express my thanks strongly enough.

May I please offer grateful thanks to all who have helped the group out, in any way.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MR R. PARTRIDGE

- I am happy to report that despite major upheaval to income and expenditure and the difficulty in planning and adapting to the uncertainty caused by covid the scout finances are in a healthy state. This is predominantly due to our starting position being healthy from previous years plus a number of donations from the council and other organisations offsetting drops in income elsewhere.
- Fundraising dropped to zero (from typically £2500+) as bedding plant sales and bonfire night were cancelled due to Covid
- £5300 spent on equipment and expenses directly related Covid plus other indirect costs
- There was a loss of total membership and during the year which resulted in a 27% drop in overall subs paid. This will have a knock-on next year with a drop on the Gift Aid we will be able to claim.
- Thanks to travel expenses from recent years being returned back as donations by our generous and hardworking leaders we were able to claim an extra £1200 in Gift Aid this year
- The Scout and Paypal section accounts look to be running at significant deficit this year but this was due to returning of payments to parents for the cancelled International camp
- Charging for subscriptions during lockdown was difficult to assess and balance. As a general rule we try to break-even between subs income versus the 'base' running costs and group programme costs [fund-raising and donations are regarded as extras to enable exceptional outlays such as major equipment costs or Ranche development]). And despite programme costs being lower when face-to-face scouting wasn't possible most of our base costs remained and the uncertainty around income and membership fluctuations meant we asked parents to continue paying subs whilst offering support to those in hardship due to the pandemic. We are grateful for so many parents continuing to support the group with regular subscriptions and hope your children enjoyed the programme the leaders were able to deliver and will continue to benefit from the group as it remains financially stable.
- Capitation – the amount we give to the Scout Association per group member – increased this year and is likely to increase again next year. So far we have absorbed this cost without an increase to subs and will review the situation later this year when hopefully we can assess our books with less turbulence.
- Donations: The group were automatically recipients of a number of donations from Trafford MBC in relation to Covid. The timings and amounts were not known in advance so could not be factored into plans last year. Other donations were received from DLG, Lloyds Banking Group, Groundwork, Touchless and a generous personal donation from a Leader
- The surplus for the last year was £28000 which is just under the total for the donations listed above. So overall, discounting the donations received, we broke-even for the year.
- The overall surplus for the group at the end of the financial year was £85000 – which puts the group in a very healthy position overall and creates opportunities to pursue development of the Ranche
- It is our intention to use some of the surplus funds to pay for proper repairs to the roof of the Ranche which should also allow us to press on with planning further development of the unused space in the Ranche buildings. This work is still subject to commitment from the council to complete due-diligence surveys and extending the scope of our lease.

BEAVER REPORT

MR K. CHADBOURNE

This is the 19th Beaver Report I have written since starting to help with Beavers. Each Colony has a direct link into a Cub Pack. Twelve months ago we had two Colonies, nominally 28 in each Colony and a long Waiting List. This report is somewhat different to my usual report because of Covid 19. Normal meetings came to a sudden halt after the Monday meeting on the 16th March 2020 when we were told that Face to Face Scouting meetings had to stop with immediate effect. Thanks to Naomi's skills with using Zoom we restarted meetings using Zoom on 6th April. These continued until we stopped for the summer break resuming on the 7th of September. In October we were permitted to restart Face to Face Meetings but outside only. Not the best time of the year to start having to have meetings outside. Then from 18th November we were back on Zoom and have continued up to the end of March.

At present there are three Warranted Beaver Leaders and 2 Young Leaders. There is in addition a Section Assistant with each Colony. Sometimes it would be useful to have additional help but we have two parents who come down to run activities for both Colonies on occasions which is a great help. Other parents can be persuaded to help on a casual basis. Numbers attending the meetings both virtual and Face to Face are down. With Zoom Meetings some don't like Zoom or have too much of it with school work. We have been restricted to maximum of 15 youth members for Face to Face Meetings by Scouting. In spite of all the difficulties inflicted by Covid 19 I think we are giving the youngsters as varied and interesting programme as possible. Badge work has been restricted this year.

	Monday Colony	Wednesday Colony
ACTIVITY BADGES		
Animal Friend	1	1
Book Reader	5	1
Builder	1	0
Camp Craft	0	1
Collector	0	1
Cook	1	1
Communicator	2	0
Creative	0	4
Cyclist	1	1
Disability Awareness	7	4
Explore	1	4
Experiment	7	1
Faith	4	21
Gardener	1	2
Health & Fitness	5	2
Hobbies	6	6
International	5	13
Photographer	1	0
Safety	8	13
Space	1	0
CHALLENGE BADGES		
Adventure	2	0
Skills	0	1
Personal	2	5
World	0	3
Chief Scout's Bronze Award	0	2

There have been a wide range of activities undertaken. To name but a few :- International Activity, made a Rainbow, prepared for a Pirate Night, had a Pirate themed evening, had a Beetle Drive, made a toilet roll car, had various forms of a scavenger hunts, made Father's Day Cards, played mini ice hockey on the hottest day of the year with the pitch melting as the Beavers played, had a talk from a Guide Dog early trainer, made a "Bum Sandwich", invented machines, had a family quiz, made pizza in a mug, thought about how war affected people and talked about Anderson & Morrison shelters, made and flew a simple plane, had a Highland Games event indoors, talked about the Green Cross Code, had a Burns Night without a Haggis in sight, held pancake races without a pancake, looked into the Chinese New Year, had a Welsh themed evening, looked at Global Issues, had a virtual meeting with a vet, raced virtual ducks, completed word searches on various subjects linked to that evening's theme and played games. It is remarkable what you can do using Zoom if you have a good team and think outside the box. It does help if you have someone with the knowledge to organise Zoom Meetings and Breakout Rooms. This year has been very different from what we are used to but even though the numbers in the two Colonies is down on previous years due in part to restrictions imposed on us and partly on peoples' reluctance to use Zoom I think we have been able to give the Beavers a varied and hopefully enjoyable time mostly in their own homes but for a short time outside in the new fenced compound at the Ranche. Thanks to the parents who had to clear up the mess some of the activities created. Usually it is the Leaders who have to do that after each meeting.

Thank you to all those parents & Leaders who have helped over the last twelve months and thank you in advance to all those who will be helping in the next twelve months even if at this moment in time you do not know that you will be "volunteering" to help. Scouting is very much a team effort and I am very lucky to have such a very good team. I certainly am not very good at craft work and have limited computer skills but others in the team are gifted in those respects. The result is a couple of very good Colonies; but then I am biased and I would say that wouldn't I.





CUB REPORT

MR P. MARSH

Monday & Wednesday Packs

Cub numbers, 36 in Monday and 38 in Wednesday.

Leader number, 4 Monday and 5 Wednesday.

I'm please to say that both packs are being supported by Explorers who are doing a great job.

I'd like to thanks all the leaders, explorers and other helpers who do so much to provide the cubs with an excellent programme.

I don't normally single individuals out, as it's a team effort, however, I'd like the thanks Andrew Vitalis for all the brilliant things he came up with for our zoom meetings.

Activities

Games, Hobbies, Map reading, Orienteering, Cooking, Night hike, Cooking Pancakes, Swimming Gala (Won), Scientist Badge, Astronomer Badge, Rocket Building, Pack Forum, Chinese New Year, Fund Raising for a Ugandan School, Emergency & Survival skills, Photographer Badge, Balloon Rockets, Climbing, Group Challenges, Hot air Balloons, Whirly Birds, Lolly Stick Catapults, Zoom meetings, Around the world quiz, Scavenger hunts, Picture quiz round Longford Park, Knotting, Puzzles, Local Famous People, Design a Poster, Local Knowledge Badge, Family quizzes, Play your cards right, Animal quiz, Yoga, Family Fortunes, Musical Skills, Escape Room, Battleship, Navigation, Tree Trail, Assault Course, Fire Triangle, Strange Planet, Lego Quiz, Saboteurs & Saviours, Story Telling, Interests, Hobbies, Pets, Hide clues in sentences, Learning Braille, Disability Awareness Badge, Drawing with Foot & Mouth, Spot the difference, Countryside quiz, MI6 Mission, Kahoot Quizzes, Brazilian Boot, Gameshow Extravaganza, Catchphrase, Breakout Rooms, Making Dragon Boats and Pizzas in a Mug.

Plus two fantastic group activities, the Virtual Camp and Saturday Night Takeaway.

Badges Awarded

Monday & Wednesday

3 Chief Scout's Silver Award

Challenge Badges

10 Our Adventure

2 Our Outdoors

5 Our Skills

5 Our World

3 Teamwork

5 Team Leader

Activity Badges

8 Home Help

9 Book Reader

8 Animal Carer

2 Sports Enthusiast

35 Astronomer

5 Local Knowledge

24 International

21 Hobbies

2 Scientist

3 Photographer

Staged Badges

2 Digital Citizen
2 Swimmer
2 Nights Away
1 Musician

Total Number of Badges 210





SCOUT REPORT

MR N. ANDERSON

The Scout Section continues to be around the 60 mark and when we had face-to-face meetings we continued to run a three week rotating programme to help us manage the numbers at each activity and comply with government advised group sizes.

The last year has mainly been on zoom and has shown the ingenuity and resilience of our leaders who found some great ways to run virtual scouting from visits from pilots, to first aid training we truly covered a wide range of subjects. Cooking and baking at home has gone down a storm with the Scouts and means no washing up at the Ranche (a firm favourite for the leaders as well!) Kahoots were also a firm favourite and a big thanks to Al for rustling up fresh content for these quizzes!

When we did manage to meet for a short period of time we did what we did best and provided great adventure. Our new outdoor space (the slab) allowed us to set up Archery and shooting ranges to run these activities on site whilst the “stay local” order was in effect. As we were outside we also practised our fire lighting skills a number of times to help keep us warm on those winter evenings!

Despite a year mainly on zoom It has been a busy year for badge work with the young people attaining the following:

Challenge	Staged	Activity
Adventure - 8 Creative - 2 Personal - 2 Skills - 1 Team Leader - 2 Team Work - 4 Chief Scout Gold Award - 2	Hikes - 8 Musician - 3 Navigator - 29 Nights Away - 15 Swimmer - 1 Digital Citizen - 1 Joining In - 32	Artist - 2 Chef - 1 Entertainer - 1 Hobbies - 15 Librarian - 1 Model Maker - 38 Physical Recreation - 1 World Faiths - 11 Air Activities - 1 Hikes - 8

We’ve welcomed Mary Smith to the Leadership Team. Additionally thanks to all the parents that have helped out with running activities for the troop, whether it was turning up to nights hike or bike rides, your help has allowed us to get back to a normal programme.



Without parental help we wouldn't be able to run such an active programme for your young People. However we are always in need of people to help out. No matter how big or small it is always appreciated. If you think you can help the troop please email to scouts@longfordscouts.org.uk



EXPLORER REPORT

MRS. SCULLY

The Explorer Section is now around the 30 mark and gets a strong regular attendance. We are still operating a split two week programme.

Our numbers throughout lockdown were quite steady and we were able to complete zooms each week. Overall the engagement on zoom was good and has provided us with another platform to provide scouting to everyone. Once we were able to attend face to face scouting the numbers increased from the online sessions.

Our focus on DOFE has increased massively and we have had 4 young people complete all but the expedition section of the award. Once lockdown has eased there will be a huge focus on getting expeditions completed and awards completed. We have nearly a 100% uptake in DOFE from the young people that progressed up from scout with this being offered to them within the first few weeks of attending explorers. Our leaders have attended various training sessions to support the DofE programme within the Explorer section.

Unfortunately camping was impossible to do this year due to Covid, however as a group we did a virtual camp which was very successful. Once we are able to we will be planning camps again and look forward to getting back under the canvas.

As the majority of the year was spent on zoom we have done a lot of quizzes, online games and cooking sessions. The explorers really enjoyed the cooking zooms and we will look to continue zoom cooking in the future as well at the ranche.

Even with Covid is has still been a busy year for badge work with a total of 69 badges being awarded to the young people:

Top Awards	Staged	Activity
Platinum - 2	Nights Away - 3 Joining In - 29 Air Activites - 19 Chef - 15 Swimmer - 1	

The leadership team throughout this year has consisted of, Sean Scully, Sophie Gibson, Mark Prescott, Darren O'Connor. We would like to thank Nick Anderson for his continued support with the explorer programme.

Our key aim for next year is to get our first DOFE awards issued and to improve the delivery of this award. With leaders already completing the assessor training.





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name 1st Stretford Longford Scouts	521676 521676
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2019	To	31/03/2020
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Scout Section	8,117.75	-	-	8,118	-
Cub Section	1,074.02	-	-	1,074	-
Beaver Section	400.00	-	-	400	-
Explorer Section	153.25	-	-	153	-
Paypal	13973.85	-	-	13,974	-
Income from Beaver section		-	-	-	-
Income from Cubs section		-	-	-	-
Income from Scout section		-	-	-	-
Income from Explorer section		-	-	-	-
100 Club		-	-	-	-
Bedding Plants		-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	297.28	-	-	297	-
Interest and Bank Charges		-	-	-	-
Mini bus		-	-	-	-
Gift aid	8460.34	-	-	8,460	-
Capitation		-	-	-	-
Social Events		-	-	-	-
Gas Water Electricity		-	-	-	-
Rent		-	-	-	-
Insurance		-	-	-	-
Repairs - HQ		-	-	-	-
Scouting Equipment		-	-	-	-
Expenses		-	-	-	-
Clothing		-	-	-	-
Donations	34410.66	-	-	34,411	-
Training	60.00	-	-	60	-
Subscriptions	25306.74	-	-	25,307	-
Covid		-	-	-	-
	92,254	-	-	92,254	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)					
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	92,254	-	-	92,254	-

Total receipts

A3 Payments	-	-	-	-	-
Scout Section	15,272.47	-	-	15,272	-
Cub Section	1074.02	-	-	1,074	-
Beaver Section	355.73	-	-	356	-
Explorer Section	479.39	-	-	479	-
Paypal	14949.71	-	-	14,950	-
Expenses paid for Beavers	400	-	-	400	-
Expenses paid for Cubs	227.32	-	-	227	-
Expenses paid for Scouts	77.58	-	-	78	-
Expenses paid for Explorers	0.00	-	-	-	-
100 Club	-	-	-	-	-
Bedding Plants	0.00	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	417.61	-	-	418	-
Interest and Bank Charges	0.00	-	-	-	-
Mini bus	2298.21	-	-	2,298	-
Gift Aid	0.00	-	-	-	-
Capitation	7507.5	-	-	7,508	-
Social Events	0.00	-	-	-	-
Gas Water Electricity	1205.521	-	-	1,206	-
Rent	225	-	-	225	-
Insurance	1013.81	-	-	1,014	-
Repairs - HQ	3310.4	-	-	3,310	-
Scouting Equipment	3125.28	-	-	3,125	-
Expenses	5609.34	-	-	5,609	-
Clothing	348.97	-	-	349	-
Donations	0.00	-	-	-	-
Training	865	-	-	865	-
Subscriptions to sections	-	-	-	-	-
covid	5334.94	-	-	5,335	-
	64,098	-	-	64,098	-

Sub total

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

Sub total

	64,098	-	-	64,098	-
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Total payments

	28,156	-	-	28,156	-
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Net of receipts/(payments)

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A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
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A6 Cash funds last year end	28,156	-	-	28,156	-
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Cash funds this year end

Section B Statement of

Categories

B1 Cash funds

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
CASH IN HAND	57.45	-	-
OLD BANK ACCOUNT	0	-	-
NEW BANK ACCOUNT	83340.639		
SCOUT ACCOUNT	31.23		
CUB ACCOUNT	11.97		
BEAVER ACCOUNT	216.93		
EXPLORER ACCOUNT	415.95		
PAYPAL	968.81	-	-
Total cash funds	85,043	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
1st Stretford(Longford) Scouts

On accounts for the year
ended

31/03/2021

Charity no
(if any)

521676

Set out on pages

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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 30 / 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").

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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

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

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

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

Signed:

Robert Marsh

Date:

12/9/21

Name:

ROBERT MARSH

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

ACCA

Address:

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1st STRETFORD, 1st LONGFORD SCOUT GROUP
BALANCE SHEET 2020/21

ASSETS AS AT 01/04/20	£	ASSETS AS AT 31/03/21	£
Cash in Hand	57.45	Cash in Hand	57.45
Old Account	20926.68	Old Account	0
New Account	25845.42	New Account	83340.639
Scout Account	7185.95	Scout Account	31.23
Cub Account	11.97	Cub Account	11.97
Beaver Account	172.66	Beaver Account	216.93
Explorer account	742.09	Explorer account	415.95
Paypal	1944.67	Paypal	968.81
Surplus on year 2021	28,156.09	deficit on year 2021	
TOTAL	85042.98	TOTAL	85042.98

AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
1ST STRETFORD, 1ST LONGFORD SCOUT GROUP

I have audited the financial information provided by the members and have where necessary relied upon the representations of the Treasurer.

In my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the groups affairs at 31st March 2021, and of its results for theyear then ended



R.MARSH
Auditor