

# WIGAN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

England & Wales - Charity number 521705

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1964-05-01

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

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## Activities

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

**Activities:** Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The core values are integrity, respect, care, belief and co-operation. Wigan District Scout Council provides resource and support services for the constituent Scout Groups.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** WIGAN AND DISTRICT
- Wigan

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£78,673	£78,278	-	-
2024-03-31	£73,306	£66,507	-	-
2023-03-31	£70,230	£68,107	-	-
2022-03-31	£63,638	£61,290	-	-
2021-03-31	£57,771	£44,346	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Gerard Alfred Davies</b>	Chair	2017-06-12
ALLAN FOSTER		
ANDREW STEPHEN CONNELLAN		2015-06-08
David Norman Finch		2019-06-12
JEFFREY SEAN PICTON		2013-10-17
Joan Smith		2011-11-13
LEWIS WILLIAM FOSTER		2014-12-08
MARGARET DAVIES		
Stephen James Morrell		2019-06-12

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# Accounts

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## Wigan And District Scout Council AGM 2025

### Chairman's Annual Report 2024/2025

I am pleased to present this Annual Report for Wigan and District Council for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

First of all, I must thank all those who have helped provide Scouting throughout the past year, including our many volunteers at Group level, whether they be section leaders, occasional helpers, trustees or parents of our young people. Thanks also to our District Team and Trustee Board for their dedication and commitment in organising events and looking after our assets and financial affairs. Without all of you we would not be able to deliver the many exciting activities that Scouting has to offer.

We must also acknowledge the support and encouragement we continue to receive from Wigan Council.

In the following pages, you can read reports from each of our sections detailing some of the fun-filled and adventurous activities enjoyed by our young people. We also include our financial statements for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

Please take away a copy of this report to share with parents and friends. Let's tell everyone about the great game of Scouting.

Thank you all again for your dedication and commitment.

**Gerard Davies**

**District Chairman**

Wigan and District Scout Council  
Accounts 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

RECEIPTS			24/25	23/24
Membership fees			£54,520.00	£45,892.00
Grants/Donations			£860.00	£950.00
Scout shop sales	BACS	£5,952.20	£14,034.87	£15,527.09
	Card	£6,201.82		
	Cash/Cheque	£1,880.80		
Rent			£2,578.00	£3,579.00
Camps, comps and trips			£5,854.95	£1,506.00
St. George's day parade 2024			£250.00	£200.00
Gift Aid for Crankwood Firestarters ESU			£581.40	£220.00
PAYMENTS				
Gas and electricity			£5,214.86	£196.83
Water plus			£406.03	£366.28
Unity Insurance (non member)			£52.00	£52.00
Zurich Insurance (building & contents)			£1,039.00	
Headquarters maintenance			£392.92	£2,181.65
Headquarters refurbishment				£349.11
Ground rent			£132.00	£132.00
Scout Shop (MBNA)	Stock	Badges	£4,197.03	£9,447.88
Scout Shop (other suppliers)		Uniforms	£4,385.53	£1,401.47
Accountancy fees			£276.00	£642.24
District website			£276.00	£258.00
District website			£420.00	£280.00
Internet			£490.39	£306.27
Membership fees 2023			£50,290.00	£42,389.00
Training				£120.63
AGM			£67.31	£146.48
Sanitary bins			£311.88	£285.89
Wreath			£55.00	£30.00
Gifts			£72.50	£320.75
Misc			£50.50	
Camps,comps and trips			£4,996.80	£875.00
St. George 24			£465.00	£500.00
St. George 25			£50.00	£50.00
On behalf of Riverside Explorer Unit			£2,658.81	£841.19
Donation				£100.00
Refund to Trefoil Guild				£100.00
Membership refund				£37.50
Funds of closed Explorer Units to Premier Account				£1,737.70
Gift Aid for Crankwood Firestarter ESU			£581.40	

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Our Ref: CMA/CA/WDS/013  
20 May 2025

**Wigan District Scout Council**  
**Accounts – Year Ending 31 March 2025**

Dear Joan,

Further to your request for CMA Accountancy Ltd to review the accounts for year ending 31 March 2025 I can confirm the following. It is your responsibility as a council to prepare the financial statements, and the accountant's responsibility to carry out a review and form an opinion on these statements.

**Basis of opinion**

The review includes examination of the evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the financial activities of the Council. Information and explanations have been provided which give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material error.

**Accountants opinion**

Subject to the caveat above, I confirm that no matter has come to my attention which would show that in any no material respect the requirements to keep accounting records have not been met. I therefore conclude that the financial statements have been properly prepared and give a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Wigan District Scout Council as at 31 March 2025, and of the income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Please find enclosed our invoice for completing such review.

Yours sincerely

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Roanna Darby  
CMA Accountancy Ltd

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# Accounts

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## Wigan And District Scout Council AGM 2024

### Chairman's Annual Report 2023/2024

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers and supporters, we have enjoyed another exciting and activity filled year. Read on for reports from our individual sections. From a governance perspective, we have continued to implement the changes introduced by Headquarters over the past twelve or eighteen months. We have moved from "Executive Committees" to "Trustee Boards." We have "Team Leaders" and "Lead Volunteers" rather than Commissioners, all intended to simplify roles and emphasise the volunteering aspect of Scouting. These changes also align us closer to the Charity Commissioner model. Basic scouting remains the same however, and we will continue to provide fun, friendship, new skills and adventure for the young people in our care.

Our finances are in good order with income from hiring out our building and from the shop profits more than adequately covering our expenditure. The building is well used in the evenings and at weekends and the Trustees are committed to regular maintenance and upkeep. Insurances and essential maintenance contracts are all kept up to date in order to provide a safe and comfortable environment. We have maintained sound relationships with Wigan Council and are grateful for financial assistance from our Central Ward Councillors. A number of individual groups have also received funding from their local Councillors through the Brighter Borough Fund.

This year's St. George's Day Parade was again well attended and supported by the Council Events Team who funded the essential road closures. However, there is some uncertainty over funding for next year's parade. We must also thank Greater Manchester Police for their invaluable assistance in ensuring the safety of all on parade and also our special guests, Greater Manchester Deputy Lieutenant Melanie Bryan OBE, Wigan Mayor Councillor Anderson with the Mayoress, and Councillors Davies and Hunt.

Sadly, we must report the loss of several Scouting stalwarts over the past year, Fred Green, Peter O'Neill, Steven Burgoyne and Mel Finch. Mel held a number of appointments including District Commissioner from 1990 to 1995 and President from 2015 to 2022 when he retired due to ill health. They all gave invaluable service to Wigan Scouting over many years, and we remember their passing with gratitude.

On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to say, "Thank you once again," to all our volunteer leaders and supporters.

**Gerard Davies**

**District Chairman**



## Receipts and Payments

April 2022 – March 2023 / April 2023 – March 2024

RECEIPTS	2022/2023	2023/2024
Membership fees	£41,900.00	£45,892.00
Grants/Donations	£ 3,690.00	£ 950.00
Scout shop sales	£13,824.91	£15,527.06
Rent	£ 6,149.00	£ 3,579.00
Camps, comps and trips	£ 3,160.03	£ 1,506.00
St. Georges Day 2022	£ 275.96	£ 200.00
Training (First Aid)	£ 960.00	£ 0.00
OSM	£ 548.10	£ 0.00
Gift Aid	£ 0.00	£ 220.00
Finalisation of Octopus Acc	£ 0.00	£ 119.87
TSA Grant for Riverside ESU	£ 0.00	£ 3,500.00
Repayment of loan from 22 <sup>nd</sup> Wigan	£ 0.00	£ 749.25
Closure of Bispham ESU	£ 0.00	£ 1,062.87
	<b>£70,778.00</b>	<b>£73,306.08</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Gas and electricity Octopus	£ 4,066.37	£ 196.83
Gas SSE	£ 0.00	£ 1,728.55
Electricity SSE	£ 0.00	£ 1,055.28
Water plus	£ 361.09	£ 366.28
Unity Insurance	£ 52.00	£ 52.00
Zurich Insurance	£ 565.57	£ 0.00
Headquarters maintenance	£ 473.75	£ 2,181.00
Headquarters refurbishment	£ 6,944.99	£ 349.11
Ground rent	£ 132.00	£ 132.00
Scout Shop (MBNA)	£ 7,940.38	£10,974.94
Scout Shop (other suppliers)	£ 1,934.28	£ 642.24
Accountancy fees	£ 252.00	£ 258.00
AGM	£ 269.72	£ 146.48
District website	£ 537.20	£ 280.00
Membership fees	£39,664.50	£42,389.00
Wreath	£ 20.00	£ 30.00
Training	£ 1,180.00	£ 120.63
Camps, comps and trips	£ 3,320.35	£ 875.00
St George 2022	£ 342.96	£ 0.00
St George 2023	£ 50.00	£ 500.00
St George 2024	£ 0.00	£ 50.00
Internet	£ 317.65	£ 306.27
OSM	£ 548.10	£ 0.00
Sanitary Bins	£ 337.87	£ 285.89
Gifts	£ 62.00	£ 320.75
Misc	£ 21.78	£ 0.00
On behalf of Riverside ESU	£ 0.00	£ 841.19
Donation to BB Band	£ 0.00	£ 100.00
Refund to Trefoil	£ 0.00	£ 100.00
Membership Refund	£ 0.00	£ 37.50
Closed ESU Funds to Premier Account	£ 0.00	£ 1,737.70
	<b>£69,001.60</b>	<b>£66,057.29</b>

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## Wigan and District Scout Council AGM 2024

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08 May 2024

**Wigan District Scout Council**  
**Accounts – Year Ending 31 March 2024**

Dear Joan,

Further to your request for CMA Accountancy Ltd to review the accounts for year ending 31 March 2024 I can confirm the following. It is your responsibility as a council to prepare the financial statements, and the accountant's responsibility to carry out a review and form an opinion on these statements.

**Basis of opinion**

The review includes examination of the evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the financial activities of the Council. Information and explanations have been provided which give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material error.

**Accountants opinion**

Subject to the caveat above, I confirm that no matter has come to my attention which would show that in any no material respect the requirements to keep accounting records have not been met. I therefore conclude that the financial statements have been properly prepared and give a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Wigan District Scout Council as at 31 March 2024, and of the income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Please find enclosed our invoice for completing such review.

Yours sincerely

Roanna Darby  
CMA Accountancy Ltd

**WIGAN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

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## Wigan And District Scout Council AGM 2023

### Chairman's Annual Report 2022/2023

I am happy to report a very satisfactory years progress for Scouting in Wigan District. After the inevitable fall during Covid we are now seeing a modest but significant increase in numbers and with the introduction of the new Squirrel section, I am sure that this growth will continue.

The District Team has worked well over the year organising events and supporting groups. Their individual section reports follow later in this document.

Two of our long-serving and well-known members are to be congratulated on receiving National Awards in the King's Birthday Honours. Our joint President, Peter Hart, received the MBE and Norman Brown, of 3rd Hindley Group was awarded the British Empire Medal.

Adult members will be aware of a number of changes in the pipeline which concern how we run our affairs. Executive Committees will become Trustee Boards at both Group and District Levels. There will be new titles for several of our volunteer roles. However, these changes will in no way change our fundamental values and purpose.

Our finances are in good order thanks to the work of our Treasurer and volunteers who man the shop on Saturday mornings. We are also fortunate to have several non-scout organisations who rent the District HQ on a regular basis. The income that is raised helps to keep the building in a welcoming and orderly state worthy of our movement. The re-decoration programme has been completed this year and plans include improvements to the car park and some remedial work on the roof. We are grateful to John Bilsborough for regularly cutting the grass and keeping the outside of the building tidy.

Our annual St. George's Day Parade went ahead again in April. Owing to the demolition work in Market Street we had to change our assembly point and route, meeting for the first time in Mesnes Park and then marching along Mesnes Street as in past years. We are grateful for the assistance we received from the Mayor, Chief Superintendent Higham of Greater Manchester Police and the Council Events Team in organising the road closures and the necessary safety issues. Without their help the Parade would not have been possible. Guests included Deputy Lieutenant Mike Walmesley, Mayor Marie Morgan, Wigan MP Lisa Nandy, and several Council Members. Having their support is a tremendous honour and we thank them for giving up their valuable time.

May I, in conclusion, thank all our volunteers and supporters who have helped to provide fun and adventure for the young people in our care.

**Gerard Davies**

**District Chairman**



## Wigan and District Scout Council AGM 2023

### Receipts and Payments 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

#### CASH FUNDS

Nat West bank (incl interest)	£99.11
Barclays bank-Community account (incl interest)	£36,704.65
Barclays bank-Active Saver account (Incl interest)	£55,974.87
Cash-in-hand (Scout Shop float)	£40.00
Cash-in-hand (Scout Shop cash-not banked)	£51.00

#### NON-MONETARY ASSETS

Scout Shop stock	£7,291.09
Headquarters building (insurance value)	£646,129.48
Headquarters contents (insurance value)	£46,000.00

The above receipts and payments accounts and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by Trustees on 12th June 2022 and signed on their behalf

Signature	Print name
	Chairman

Signature	Print name



## Wigan and District Scout Council AGM 2023

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27 April 2023

### Wigan District Scout Council

#### Accounts – Year Ending 31 March 2023

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Yours sincerely

Roanna Darby  
CMA Accountancy Ltd

**WIGAN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

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# Wigan & District Scout Council AGM

## Annual Report 2021/2022

I am happy to report on a successful year for Scouting in Wigan.

We have finally moved out of Covid 19 restrictions and activities are gradually getting back to normality. Group and District events are back on the calendar, and we seem to be recovering from the inevitable drop in membership that occurred over the past couple of years. We owe a big “Bravo” to all our leaders and helpers who have struggled through Zoom meetings and provided online activities to keep Scouting alive for the young people of Wigan.

After a break of two years, and despite uncertainty over possible redevelopment of the market area, our St. George’s Day Parade went ahead very successfully in April, and we were most grateful to the Mayor and her Consort for taking the salute. We must also thank Central Ward Councillors, Police and the Parish Church for their tremendous support. Despite a reduction in numbers from previous years, the overall turnout was still impressive, creating a positive public image for Scouting.

We must congratulate our District Commissioner, Jeff Picton on his recent award of the Silver Acorn. Jeff had only been in the post for a few weeks when the pandemic forced the cessation of face-to-face activities. What a time to take on the responsibilities of such an important role! Without Jeff’s encouragement and guidance during this period, several groups may not have survived. Congratulations are also due to Joan Hayton who has been awarded the Silver Wolf for her work with the Appointments Sub-committee and Bispham Hall Management Committee. Joan’s husband, Alan, has also received the Silver Wolf for his work at Bispham.

The District Executive Committee continues to meet on a regular basis. All our sub-committees have been kept busy throughout the year – Appointments, Awards, Finance, Training and HQ Maintenance. In addition to the dedication of our committee members we are ably assisted by the small team of shop staff who give up Saturday mornings outside of holiday periods.

Several outside organisations regularly rent the District Headquarters and bring in welcome income which helps with general running costs and together with several grants we can keep the annual membership fee as low as possible. The programme of improvements to the HQ is progressing with the recent replacement of external doors and the interior decorating is coming to completion. However, a building of this size will always need regular maintenance and one of the next (and perhaps, costly) priorities will be the resurfacing of the car park. A tidy looking and prominent HQ helps project an optimistic and confident vision of our movement.

Sadly, several former Scouting stalwarts passed away during the year: Ivan Merrill, 1<sup>st</sup> Ashton, Olwyn Whittaker, 8th Wigan and Paul Quigley, 5<sup>th</sup> Wigan.

Her Majesty the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations might now be over but let’s not forget the tremendous support she has given to the Scout Association over the past seventy years as our Patron. We thank her for her great service and devotion to the country. We also thank the Council, parents, leaders and all others who have given their time and support to Scouting in Wigan.

Gerard Davies

District Chair

**Wigan and District Scout Council**  
**Receipts and Payments 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

**CASH FUNDS**

Nat West bank (incl interest)	£99.11
Barclays bank-Community account(incl interest)	£34,649.27
Barclays bank-Active Saver account(Incl interest)	£56,939.42
Cash-in-hand (Scout Shop float)	£40.00
Cash-in-hand (Scout Shop cash-not banked)	£51.00

**NON-MONETARY ASSETS**

Scout Shop stock	£7,856.39
Headquarters building(insurance value)	£538,441.00
Headquarters contents(insurance value)	£48,000.00

The above receipts and payments accounts and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by Trustees on 19th June 2022 and signed on their behalf

Signature	Print name
Chairman	Gerard Davies

Signature	Print name
Vice Chairman	

Wigan and District Scout Council  
Receipts and Payments 1 April 2021 to 31 March 20

RECEIPTS

Membership fees	£34,960.00
Grants/Donations	£12,867.00
Scout shop sales	£11,047.47
Rent	£2,954.00
Beaver panto trip	£1,580.00
Scout Aquamadness	£145.00
Scout Richardson trophy	£60.00
Cub bucket ball	£25.00

PAYMENTS

Gas and electricity	£1,728.88
Water plus	£286.90
Unity Insurance (non member)	£42.00
Zurich Insurance (building & contents)	£605.06
Headquarters maintenance	£190.11
Headquarters refurbishment	£13,670.54
Ground rent	£132.00
Scout Shop (MBNA)	£6,308.88
Scout Shop (other suppliers)	£1,810.66
Accountancy fees	£240.00
District website	£374.40
Membership fees 2021	£32,692.00
Training	£415.00
AGM	£220.89
Development	£620.73
Beaver panto trip	£1,600.00
Scout Aquamadness	£222.50
Shooting competition trophies	£130.00



Wigan and District Scout Council  
Receipts and Payments 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

RECEIPTS	2020/2021	2021/2022
Membership fees	£29,711.50	£34,960.00
Grants/Donations	£25,850.75	£12,487.00
Scout shop sales	£2,000.65	£11,047.47
Closure of Pie Eater account	£109.00	
Rent	£100.00	£2,954.00
Beaver panto trip		£1,580.00
Scout Aquamadness		£145.00
Scout Richardson trophy		£60.00
Cub bucket ball		£25.00
PAYMENTS		
Gas and electricity	£603.08	£1,728.88
Water plus	£78.09	£286.90
Unity Insurance	£42.00	£42.00
Zurich Insurance	£442.77	£605.06
Headquarters maintenance	£408.05	£190.11
Headquarters refurbishment	£238.79	£13,670.54
Ground rent	£132.00	£132.00
Scout Shop (MBNA)	£1,834.02	£6,308.88
Scout Shop (other suppliers)	£55.54	£1,810.66
Accountancy fees	£228.00	£240.00
AGM		£220.89
District website	£255.33	£374.40
PPE	£252.17	
Membership fees 2021	£29,711.50	£32,692.00
Wreath	£20.00	
Training	£45.00	£415.00
Transfer to Active Saver account	£10,000.00	
Development		£620.73
Beaver panto trip		£1,600.00
Scout Aquamadness		£222.50
Shooting competition trophies		£130.00



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**Accounts – Year Ending 31 March 2022**

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## Wigan And District Scout Council AGM

### Chairman's Annual Report 2020/2021

Due to the ongoing pandemic, much of this year's report is not very different from last year. Activities have been radically curtailed – no face to face meetings, no camping, no residential, or expeditions at home or abroad. We have never-the-less survived through online challenges and meetings, with many groups finding novel ways of providing an engaging programme and achieving awards for their members. What would we have done without the internet?

Inevitably, membership numbers have fallen but with the start of the new school year and the fact that many groups had waiting lists, we can gradually return to some degree of normality and confidently hope for better times to come.

The District Executive Committee has continued to meet regularly and the programme of improvements in our District Headquarters has continued albeit at a much slower pace. The building is gradually coming back into regular use and thanks to grants from the government's Covid Hospitality and Leisure Recovery fund, we have the means to continue with our refurbishment plan. Financially, we are in a better place than we were twelve months ago. Considerable savings in utility costs have been realised through the installation of an improved heating system and by shopping around for better deals for gas and electricity.

The District shop has reopened and the regular income is slowly returning. We would ask all groups to encourage parents to support our shop when buying uniforms for their children. Profits help to maintain the building, subsidise activities and keep the annual membership fee to a minimum.

Many of our groups have also benefitted from this recovery fund and, despite the lack of regular subscription income, have remained solvent. We are grateful to Wigan Council for the speedy and straightforward way in which they have distributed these grants. Several groups have also received funding directly from Scout Headquarters. Again, this money has ensured their survival.

Sadly, a number of well-known and respected Scouters have passed away in the last year. We remember them with gratitude –

Mike Allen, Michael Harrison, Pat Bilsborough, Betty Ball, Mike Clarke, Alan Greenhalgh, Joe Greenway, Audrey Heaton, Dorothy Maloney, Betty Patterson and Ken Shaw.

To all their families and friends we offer our sincere sympathies.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the District Team, Local Authority, parents, leaders and all others who have given their time and support to this organisation. Despite all the difficulties we have faced in recent months, Scouting is still alive and thriving in Wigan.

**Gerard Davies**  
**District Chairman**

Wigan and District Scout Council  
Receipts and Payments 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2

RECEIPTS

Membership fees	£29,711.50
Donations	£500.00
Scout shop sales	£2,000.65
Grants	£25,350.75
Closure of Pie Eater account	£109.00
Rent	£100.00

PAYMENTS

Gas and electricity	£603.08
Water plus	£78.09
Unity Insurance	£42.00
Zurich Insurance	£442.77
Headquarters maintenance	£408.05
Headquarters refurbishment	£238.79
Ground rent	£132.00
Scout Shop (MBNA)	£1,834.02
Scout Shop (other suppliers)	£55.54
Accountancy fees	£228.00
District website	£255.33
PPE	£252.17
Membership fees 2021	£29,711.50
Wreath	£20.00
Training	£45.00
Transfer to Active Saver account	£10,000.00



Wigan and District Scout Council  
Receipts and Payments 1 April 2020 to 31 March 20

CASH FUNDS

Nat West bank (incl interest)	£99.11
Barclays bank-Community account(incl interest)	£33,763.83
Barclays bank-Active Saver account(Incl interest)	£62,933.15
Cash-in-hand (Scout Shop float)	£40.00

NON-MONETARY ASSETS

Scout Shop stock	£7,788.05
Headquarters building(insurance value)	£491,727.15
Headquarters contents(insurance value)	£34,967.26

The above receipts and payments accounts and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by Trustees on 24th June 2021 and signed on their behalf

Signature	Print name
Chairman	Gerard D

Signature	Print name
Vice Chairman	

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**Wigan District Scout Council**  
**Accounts - Year Ending 31 March 2021**

Dear Joan,

Further to your request for CMA Accountancy Ltd to review the accounts for year ending 31 March 2021 I can confirm the following. It is your responsibility as a council to prepare the financial statements, and the accountant's responsibility to carry out a review and form an opinion on these statements.

**Basis of opinion**

The review includes examination of the evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the financial activities of the Council. Information and explanations have been provided which give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material error.

**Accountants opinion**

Subject to the caveat above, I confirm that no matter has come to my attention which would show that in any no material respect the requirements to keep accounting records have not been met. I therefore conclude that the financial statements have been properly prepared and give a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Wigan District Scout Council as at 31 March 2021, and of the income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Please find enclosed our invoice for completing such review. If you could please call the office to arrange a date for the files to be collected in the near future, that would be great.

Yours sincerely

Kieran Fitzgerald AATQB