

1ST WHITCHURCH SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 524959

Details

Other names 1ST WHITCHURCH BOY SCOUT GROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1963-12-11

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

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Activities

Objects: 1ST WHITCHURCH BOY SCOUT GROUP

Activities: Scouting

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WHITCHURCH
- Cardiff

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£30,586	£33,599	-	-
2023-12-31	£29,182	£34,355	-	-
2022-12-31	£28,603	£23,839	-	-
2021-12-31	£20,107	£14,334	-	-
2020-12-31	£30,300	£30,473	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Neale Thomas	Chair	2022-08-30
HELEN WILLIAMS		
MR LES HANCOCK		
Rebecca Allsopp		2015-06-30
Sian Elizabeth Widdows		2021-05-24

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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 to end date

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	1st Whitchurch Scout Group
Other names the charity is known by	1st Whitchurch (Sir J Herbert Cory's Own) Scout Group
Registered charity number (if any)	5 2 4 9 5 9
HQ registration number	1 0 0 1 0 5 9 3
Charity's principal address	The Scout Hall, Rear of <hr/> 12 PENLLINE ROAD <hr/> WHITCHURCH <hr/> CARDIFF Postcode C F 1 4 2 A D

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Neale Thomas	Chair	
2	Rebecca Allsopp	Treasurer	
3	Sian Widdows	Secretary	
4	Les Hancock	Senior Volunteer, Group Scout Leader	
5	Helen Williams	Beaver Scout Leader	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Policies and procedures adopted for:

- a) the induction and training of trustees;
- b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and between 2-6 Trustees and meets a minimum of every 2 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board. Other training is completed in line with Scout Association requirements.

This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

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

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

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 14. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 authorisers for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
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<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values: Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others. Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p>The Scout Method Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and: - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.</p>
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<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects</p>	<p>Our experienced section leadership teams provide a wide scope of activities for the young people in our Beaver, Cub and Scout sections. The activities are inclusive and provide opportunities for the young people to participate, have opportunities to contribute and lead activities commensurate with their experience and knowledge. The group actively participates in local events such as the Remembrance Day parade and supports the gang show.</p>
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<p>Public benefit statement</p>	<p>The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.</p>
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Section D	Achievements and performance
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<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year</p>	<p>Beavers ran a full programme throughout the year including crafts, games, badgework and we had good numbers swimming up to Cubs. We have a reasonably healthy waiting list and welcomed new members. Cubs ran an extensive programme with many cubs gaining several badges through the year and we had several cubs moving into the Scouts. Scouts ran a full programme including several camps/nights away events, and older Scouts completed their Gold expedition walking the Wales Coastal path in Gower.</p>
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1st Whitchurch (Sir J Herbert Cory's Own) Scout Group

Year ended 31 December 2024

1st Whitchurch Scout Group Receipts & payments accounts For the year 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

Receipts	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £
Donations, legacies & similar income		
Membership subscriptions	3,880	3,760
Camps & events	2,522	2,415
Donations	0	138
Other similar income	0	35
Gift Aid	1,807	0
Sub total	8,209	6,348
Scout Hut Income		
Hire of building	22,377	22,536
Equipment hire	0	0
Other scout hut income	0	0
Sub total	22,377	22,536
Investment income		
Bank interest	0	299
Scout Association short term investment scheme	0	0
Other investments	0	0
Sub total	0	299
Total receipts	30,586	29,183

1st Whitchurch Scout Group
 Receipts & payments accounts
 For the year 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

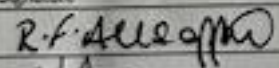

Payments	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £
Membership subscriptions paid on	3,133	2,753
Youth programme & activities	4,737	4,340
Council rates & waste	1,729	1,137
Water & sewerage	1,489	473
Electric & gas	3,051	2,689
Insurance	2,125	1,803
Repairs & renewals	13,179	16,652
Materials & equipment	2,573	2,578
Printing & photocopying (OSM & QBO)	296	235
Uniforms & badges	268	471
Donations & gifts	84	310
Licences	693	536
Health & safety	243	228
Hire of building refund	0	150
Total payments	33,599	34,355
Net of receipts/(payments)	-3,014	-5,172
Cash funds last year end	68,905	74,077
Cash funds this year end	65,891	68,905

1st Whitchurch Scout Group
 Statement of financial position
 For the year 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31/12/2024

	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	65,496	68,571
Scout Association Short Term Investment Scheme	0	0
Electronic floats	217	333
Total cash funds	65,713	68,904
Other monetary assets		
Gift Aid reclaim	0	0
Debts due from County/Area/District/Group	0	0
Insurance claims	0	0
Sub total	0	0
Investment assets		
Investment property	0	0
Quoted investments	0	0
Other investments	0	0
Sub total	0	0
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	2,736	2,952
Land & buildings	153,015	153,015
Motor vehicles	0	0
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	10,965	11,532
Sub total	166,706	167,499
Total net assets	232,419	236,403

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 12/05/2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Signature	Print name	Position
	R F ALSOPP	Treasurer
	NEALE THOMAS	CHAIR

**Independent examiner's report on the accounts to the trustees of
1st Whitchurch Scout Group (Charity No. 524959)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2024.

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

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

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified fellow of the Institute of Financial Accountants.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed



Name & address: David Gareth Poole c/o williams lester accounting group ltd, 12
Cwrt Y Parc, Ty Glas, Cardiff CF14 5GH

Qualification: FFA, FAIA, FFTA.

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1st Whitchurch Scout Group

Annual General Meeting 22nd May 2024

Committee Attendees: Neale Thomas (chair), Rebecca Allsopp, Nick Allsopp, Helen Williams, Alya Lawrence, Siân Widdows, Les Hancock, Huw Jones, Pierre Deamotte.

Apologies: None

The meeting was well attended. 16 parents and or guardians were in attendance for some or all of the meeting.

1. The chair welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming. General plea for help and more volunteers. Big thank you to all the leaders and volunteers who have enabled another successful year.
2. The minutes of the 2023 AGM were approved.
3. The current committee stood down.
4. The Treasurer delivered the report for 2023 and confirmed that the report had been scrutinised by an independent examiner in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. See Appendix 1 for a full report.

Income increased slightly compared to previous year. Gift aid income - need to keep promoting this - plea to those attending AGM to please sign up to Gift aid if a UK taxpayer. Our Scout group is in a fortunate position financially, but there are significant costs to upkeep the building. Spending increased last year due to external cladding work.

Hall hirer income is reinvested into maintaining the hall and into the group. Subs have been frozen again this year and Scout group pays capitation costs for all members and

subsidises other activities for the troop e.g. trips, support for young leaders and camps. New stoves have been purchased this year.

£68,904 in cash flow. Need to keep 3 years of hall running costs in reserve (approx. £40,000).

Plan to get interior of the hall painted this year, gates replaced and some fencing replaced.

5. Review of the Beavers Section was delivered by Helen Williams.

13 Beavers in the colony, tough year for Beavers as Helen is the only leader in uniform. Alya (scout leader) has stepped in lots of times this year to ensure Beaver meetings can still go ahead. Assistant leader is stepping down this summer. Some activities are still constricted by the lack of qualified leaders. Plea for more Beaver leaders or any additional help - this is the priority for the colony to grow and thrive.

Lots of activities this year: campfires, smores, railway safety, water fight (lots of fun), agility badge, team building, first overnight camp (since pandemic), space badge, spooky halloween night, Burns night.

More young leaders hoping to start in September 2024.

6. Review of the Cubs section was delivered by Nick Allsopp.

21 cubs with strong attendance. 45 badges awarded (according to OSM) and 2 Chief Scout silver awards. Strong position leader wise with 4 fantastic adult leaders and 3 young leaders. One leader is stepping down this year, so looking to recruit another adult leader. Lots of hikes, cooking outdoors, trips including trampoline and climbing. Lots of team building and leadership games, celebrating Diwali, Chinese new year, Halloween etc. No overnight camps in 2023 due to difficulties in coordinating leader availability.

7. Review of the Scouts section was delivered by Alya Lawrence.

24 Scouts with good attendance. 230 badges awarded over the year. 3 Scouts have successfully auditioned for the gang show this year. Lots of activities over the year including an expedition challenge for the older Scouts in Spring 2023 and another expedition planned for July 2024. Six Scouts have achieved their gold Chief Scout awards (two to be awarded at the end of the AGM).

5 camps held throughout the year including a weekend at Silvercross in December. Lots of badgework tied in with camps. Other activities included NSPCC online safety evening, Scouts have written their own code of conduct, cycle ride, night hikes, design of a Scout uniform T-shirt.

8. Leaders General news - No changes to Group Leader for each section. Big thank you to leaders from chair for delivering an exciting programme over the year.
9. Trustee Board - some changes have happened over the last year to the governance of Scout groups. Executive Committees will be renamed Trustee Boards to recognise that group exec. members are trustees. Group constitution will need to be readopted on an annual basis, group constitution is adapted from the model constitution from the Scout Association. AGM attendees voted to accept and readopt the new group constitution for the next year.
10. The 2023 Chair asked for nominations for the position of Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, maintenance coordinator, a parent representative for each area Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.
11. The following were duly nominated and seconded:
 - Neale Thomas - Chair (re-elected)
 - Faye Jones and Michelle Randall - Treasurers
 - Siân Widdows - Secretary (re-elected)
 - Jo Morris - Scout parent representative
 - Sion Price - Cub parent representative
 - Sandra Jakeman - Beaver parent representative
 - Pierre Delamotte
 - Huw Jones (will stand down in autumn 2024)

12. AOB

Award of gold Chief Scout awards to two Scouts (1 absent tonight). There is a lot of work involved and both have worked on it at home and in scout meetings.

Big thank you and presentation to Becca for all her hard work volunteering for the group as a treasurer and other roles over many years.

Appendix 1

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF 1ST WHITCHURCH SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of 1st Whitchurch Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2023

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It includes a consideration of any unusual items of disclosure in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.

have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed..........

Date : 22 March 2024

1st Whitchurch Scout Group (Charity no. 524959)
Receipts and payments account

	<small>Year start date</small> 1st January 2023	To	<small>Year start date</small> 1st January 2024
For the year from			

Receipts and payments

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	3,760	4,013
Camps and Events	2,415	1,273
Donations	138	21
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	-	1,010
Other similar income	35	18
Savings account closure		54
Sub total	6,348	6,389
Grants		
Maintenance grant	-	-
Other grants	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)		
Detail 1	-	-
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising activities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Scout hut income		
Hire of building	22,536	22,012
Hire of equipment	-	-
Other Scout hut income		
Sub total	22,536	22,012
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	299	203
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	299	203
Total Gross Income	29,182	28,604
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	29,182	28,604

1st Whitchurch Scout Group (Charity no. 524959)
Receipts and payments account

	<small>Year start date</small>		<small>Year start date</small>
For the year from	1st January 2023	To	1st January 2024

Receipts and payments

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	2,753	2,946
Youth programme and activities	4,340	3,024
Adult support and training	-	-
Council Rates and Waste	1,137	1,154
Water and Sewerage	473	854
Electricity and Gas	2,689	1,630
Insurance	1,803	1,643
Repairs and Renewals	16,652	10,446
Materials and equipment	2,578	194
Printing and photocopying (OSM & Quickbooks)	235	55
Uniforms and badges	471	423
AGM and trustee expenses	-	17
Donations and gifts	310	425
Licences	536	518
Health and safety	228	319
Hire of building refund	150	192
Sub total	34,355	23,840
Fundraising expenses		
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	34,355	23,840
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	34,355	23,840
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,173	4,764
Cash funds last year end	74,077	69,313
Cash funds this year end	68,904	74,077



Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year start date
For the year from	1st January 2023	To	1st January 2024

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	68,571	36,634
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	37,280
Electronic Floats	333	162
Total cash funds	68,904	74,076
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	2,952	3,032
Land and buildings	153,015	153,015
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	11,532	12,813
Other	-	-
Sub total	167,498	168,860
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total net assets	236,402	242,936

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 22nd May 2024 and signed on their behalf by

 Signature	
 Signature	

Print Name NEALE THOMAS Chair	Print Name REBECCA ALLSOP Treasurer
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Appendix 1 - Treasurer's Report

1st Whitchurch Scout Group

Treasurer's Report

1. The financial report has been independently scrutinised by Jeremy Ray and has been accepted by the Exec. Committee. Our thanks to Jeremy for giving so freely of his time to support us again this year.
2. **Income** = £28,603, increased from £23,002 on the previous year. Our income has improved thanks to restrictions on the hall hire being lifted.
3. **Gift Aid** for 2021 was £1010 which is nearly double on the previous year, thank you to all who signed up via OSM last year.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider signing up to allow us to claim Gift Aid on subs.

4. **Scout post income** with the cancellation of Scout Post in 2022 we lost ~£4000. Scout Post will not run again due to difficulties with getting all Groups to commit.
5. **Expenditure** = £ 23,839, increase of ~£6, 000 on the previous year due to hall repairs and renewals.

New fire exit doors cost £4,100; £1500 on fencing, £950 for floor resealing, ££750 on electrical work to replace more lights with LEDs

We were largely protected from the huge rises in utilities costs as we had a 2 year fixed deal from 2021. We have entered another 12 month fixed deal to help manage costs, hall hirers have been notified that we may need to raise the hire rate.

With the income generated from rent the Group can to keep the costs to parents down to £25 per term which, unlike other Groups includes capitation, (£56.50/head in 2022) we also subsidise the Group activities. To put this into perspective, Capitation bill for 2022 was £2,946 for the Group and £3024 was spent on the Group programme, the spend on activities has nearly returned to pre pandemic levels.

We were also very happy that we could make a donation to our Young Leaders who will be representing the Group and indeed Wales as part of the UK Contingent at the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in August 2023. They were awarded £100 pounds each towards the cost of their trip, Owen and Lewis also earned an additional £100 each by painting the new fences. We are very proud of them and look forward to hearing all about their adventures.

2022 ended with cash funds of £74, 077. We have to keep 3 years running costs (£13k/year) in reserve.

Large spends planned in the next 12 months:

- Complete hall cladding ~£10-12k
- Gates to be replaced

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
1ST WHITCHURCH SCOUT GROUP**

I report on the accounts of 1st Whitchurch Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2022

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.

have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Date

9/5/2023

1st Whitchurch Scout Group (Charity no. 524959)
Receipts and payments account

	<small>Year start date</small>		<small>Year end date</small>
For the year from	1st January 2022	To	31st December 2022

Receipts and payments

	2022	2021
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	4,013	4,146
Camps and Events	1,273	-
Donations	21	16
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	1,010	502
Ground work part paid by neighbour	-	1,323
Rebate - British Gas	-	541
Other similar income	18	11
Cash float closure	54	-
Sub total	6,389	6,539
Grants		
Maintenance grant	-	-
Other grants	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)		
Detail 1	-	-
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising activities	-	174
Sub total	-	174
Scout hut income		
Hire of building	22,012	16,247
Hire of equipment	-	-
Other Scout hut income	-	-
Sub total	22,012	16,247
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	203	42
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	203	42
Total Gross Income	28,603	23,002
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	28,603	23,002

1st Whitchurch Scout Group (Charity no. 524959)
Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st January 2022	To	31st December 2022

Receipts and payments

	2022	2021
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	2,946	2,896
Youth programme and activities	3,024	1,138
Adult support and training	-	-
Council Rates and Waste	1,154	1,282
Water and Sewerage	854	573
Electricity and Gas	1,630	1,190
Insurance	1,643	1,670
Repairs and Renewals	10,446	4,177
Materials and equipment	194	3,319
Printing and photocopying	55	-
Uniforms and badges	423	350
AGM and trustee expenses	17	-
Donations and gifts	425	146
Licences	518	185
Health and safety	319	262
Hire of building refund	192	-
Sub total	23,839	17,187
Fundraising expenses		
Other fundraising costs	-	43
Sub total	-	43
Total Gross Expenditure	23,839	17,230
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	23,839	17,230
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,764	5,772
Cash funds last year end	69,313	63,540
Cash funds this year end	74,077	69,313

1st Whitchurch Scout Group (Charity no. 524959)
Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st January 2022	To	31st December 2022

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2022 Unrestricted funds	2021 Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	36,634	32,020
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	37,280	37,150
Electronic Floats	162	143
Total cash funds	74,076	69,313
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	3,032	2,821
Land and buildings	153,015	153,015
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	12,813	13,537
Other	-	-
Sub total	168,860	169,373
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total net assets	242,936	238,686

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 21st June 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Cubs Annual Report 2022

1 Pack Membership 2022

Cubs: 20

Young Leaders: 3

Leaders (exc. GSL): 4

2022 Spring Term average attendance: 18 cubs

2022 Summer Term average attendance: 13 cubs

2021 Winter Term average attendance: 17 cubs

Pack attendance numbers have been steady throughout 2021 despite having to move the programme online for the part of the year.

In 2022 we awarded a total of 128 badges. We ask parents to continue their support by using the Badges at Home section of OSM so we can recognize even more cub achievements. Looking at this section in OSM, parents can identify any areas left to complete and you can always talk to a leader.

4 Chief Scout Silver awards were presented, this is a huge achievement and is the highest award for a Cub Scout.

2 Pack Leadership Team

The present pack leadership team consists of 4 adult leaders (Nick Allsopp, Aled Jones-Pritchard, Georgina Hooper and Chris Davies).

We are assisted by the Group Scout Leader (Les Hancock).

We have three young leaders (Owen Barwise, Lewis Holyfield and Osian Allsopp). Owen and Lewis became adult leaders at the end of 2022.

Thank you to all Leaders for their help and keeping the Cub programme as engaging as possible.

Special thanks to our Young Leaders and new Adult Leaders for their continued enthusiasm, commitment and willingness to help. They set excellent examples to the Cubs and are fortunate to have them as part of our Pack Leadership Team.

3 What happened in 2022

Great to get back to face to face meetings .

Hikes

A hike in the mist and fog around the Taff river area

- Fforest Fawr Photography Hike
- Glamorganshire Canal Nature Hike

Camps

Camps held in July and October

District Camp fire

Astronomers Badge

Backwoods Cooking Badge

DIY Badge

Tent pitching

Water fun night

Disability Awareness Badge

Emergency First Aid Level 2 badge

Halloween party

Crafts

Easter cross stitch

Mother's Day

Father's Day

Christmas twig stars

Many, many games

Jailbreak, Rounders, Team Races, NSEW, Head or Catch, Tic Tac Toe Relay, Scavenger Hunt, Hide and Seek, Bang, Jump the rope and Frisbee throwing.

Gang Show

Trip to the New Theatre

Firestorm Games Night

Model painting and gaming

Thank you to all our cubs and parents for their support throughout the year.

1ST WHITCHURCH SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 524959

Accounts



1st Whitchurch Scout Group

Annual General Meeting 24th May 2021 via Zoom due to Covid 19

Chair, Deb Spedding, welcomed Parents, and Leaders.

All Executive committee were present, but very few parents.

This was not good under the circumstances, joining details had been shared with all parents.

The current committee stepped down, the Chair Deb resigned and the Scout Post organizer Wendy and the maintenance officer Sean. Thanks to Deb and Wendy and Sean for their participation over their time on the Exec.

Positions were duly nominated and seconded. Committee nominations and elections took place:

- Group Chair - James Travers
- Group Treasurer – Becca Allsopp.
- Group Secretary – Sian Widdows

- maintenance Officer – unfilled

- Scout post - unfilled

1. The Treasurer delivered the financial report for the year (full details are given in Appendix 1):
Income = £30,300
Expenditure = £30,473

2019 ended with unrestricted funds of £63,540

Expenditure higher this year due to Covid reducing hall hire and extra cleaning and Covid measures.

Also a large amount of hall maintenance and tree removal from grounds.

2. Each of the Leaders presented a report on their section's activities (Appendix 2).
Beavers: Helen briefed, and mentioned needing new leaders.
Cubs: Nick briefed and mentioned how fantastic the help from the young leaders has been, and the good attendance.
Scouts: Ian briefed on activities and the use of virtual meetings and good attendance from Scouts and help from young leaders.



3. Andy Roberts the District Commissioner gave thanks to all the Leaders who have carried on despite Covid.

He made a virtual presentation of Medal of Merit to Nick Allsopp and Chief Scout Commendation Award to Becca Allsopp. Both presented by Les Hancock.

Alaya has achieved her Wood Badge.

The next Award Committee meeting is in a few weeks, in June.

Across District some groups are faring well but some are suffering

There is a campaign launched nationwide 27th May 2021 for Leader and help recruitment to encourage volunteering: #Good for you.

Thinking of ways that parents can help groups, suggestions of using skills they have to help groups, possibly have an appointment of someone with key aim to recruit volunteers.

Lots of new waiting list requests in District

4. Looking for volunteers for leader roles.

Wendy will provide a breakdown of key duties for Scout Post

Thanks to Wendy and Sean for their efforts.

Nothing raised by parents.



Appendix 1

Treasurer's Report

1. The financial report has been independently scrutinized by Jeremy Ray and has been accepted by the Exec. Committee. Our thanks to Jeremy for giving so freely of his time to support us again this year.
2. **Income** = £30,300 £10, 00 was secured via Covid grant scheme but income was down £6,700 on 2019 due to the hall closure.

Our income has been affected by the restrictions on hall hirers, for much of the year only the nursery school was permitted to use the hall.

3. **Gift Aid** for 2020 was £722, down £100 on previous year.
If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider signing up to allow us to claim Gift Aid on subs.
4. **Scout post income** for 2019 is in these figures as it was banked after 31st December (our year-end).

£4090 generated. This is our only fundraiser and with Scout Post cancelled in 2020, we will miss this income this year.

We are very grateful to Wendy Johnson for all her work managing our Scout Post activities.

5. **Expenditure** = £30, 473 up from £17,764 in 2019.

Covid grant money plus savings was used to repair the hall which had been suffering from water ingress due to blown render. The new cladding on half the hall should help to preserve the building for many years to come.

Other planned maintenance completed in 2020: Fence replacement, fire pit area repairs and essential tree maintenance. In 2021 it is hoped that the remainder of the hall can be clad.

Additional costs were incurred with preparing the hall for safe use in the light of what we know about Covid transmission.

With the income generated from rent the Group can to keep the costs to parents down to £25 per term which, unlike other Groups includes capitation, (£50.50/head in 2020) we also subsidise the Group activities. To put this into perspective, Capitation bill for 2020 was £2,943 for the Group and £1105 was spent on the Group programme, this is about a quarter of the usual spend due to there being no camps or other activities.

2020 ended with cash funds of £63, 540. We have to keep 3 years running costs (12k/year) in reserve.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
1ST WHITCHURCH SCOUT GROUP**

I report on the accounts of 1st Whitchurch Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2020

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It includes a consideration of any unusual items of disclosure in the accounts, or seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.

have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....

Date.....02.03.2021

1st Whitchurch Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date	Year end date	
	1st January	To	31st December
Receipts			
	2020	2019	
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	
	£	£	
Receipts			
Donations, legacies and similar income			
Membership subscriptions	2339		3,568
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-2943		-2,529
Net membership subscriptions retained	-604		1,038
Donations	122		61
Legacies	-		-
Gift Aid	722		828
Other similar income (Joint Grounds maintenance work)	2087		-
Rebate	104		-
Sub total	2431		1,927
Grants			
Maintenance grant	0		0
Other grants	10000		0
Sub total	10000		-
Fundraising (gross)			
Scout post	4990		4,989
Group Activities	8		149
Beaver	127		278
Cub	-		744
Scout	368		1,236
Other fundraising activities	-		-
Sub total	5492		7,396
Investment income			
Bank interest	-		-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	234		235
Property Rent income	12143		17,416
Other investment income	-		-
Sub total	12377		17,651
	Total Gross Income	30300	26,974
Asset and investment sales, etc.			
	Total receipts	30300	26,974



1st Whitchurch Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

1st January	To	31st December
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Payments

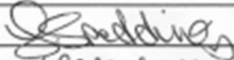

	2020	2019
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	1105	4,321
Adult support and training	0	-
Council tax/waste collection	1375	1,040
Water and Sewerage	396	716
Electricity and Gas	1731	1,588
Insurance	1972	1,889
PRS/PPL Licence	540	549
Repairs and renewals and cleaning	19636	5,042
Materials and equipment	1802	584
Contribution to camp costs	0	-
Uniforms and badges	228	142
AGM and trustee expenses	0	-
Donations and gifts	241	256
Health and Safety	330	303
GoCardless fee	103	176
Sub total	29459	16,606
Fundraising expenses		
Scout post	1014	1,158
Events	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	1014	1,158
Total Gross Expenditure	30473	17,764
Asset and investment purchases, etc.		
Total payments	30473	17,764
Net of receipts/(payments)	-173	9,209
Cash funds last year end	63540	64,067
Cash funds this year end	63540	64,067

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2020 Unrestricted funds	2019 Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	26432	27,193
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	37107	36,873
Cash/Floats	0	0
Total cash funds	63540	64,067
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	2797	2969.06
Land and buildings	153015	151500
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	15041	16082
Other	-	-
Sub total	170853	170,551
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 24th May 2021 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name	
	23/05/2021	Debra Speeding Chair
	23 May 2021	Rebecca Ausoff Treasurer



Appendix 2 Section Reports



Annual Report 2021

Beavers AGM Report

Boys: 9

Girls: 5

Total: 14

Young Leaders: 1

Leaders: 2 +2 (university away)

Over the last year we have been meeting virtually with a good average attendance. We have been concentrating on badges that can be done from home, craft and games. Our priority has been to try and keep the Beavers engaged even if some of the activities we ran would not be classed as traditional scout activities.

During our virtual meetings we have had special guests that included a pilot and a person who explained what life is like living with a guide dog (though the dog stole the show). We have created and distributed several resource kits to the beaver's house with equipment and resources needed for many of our online activities. We have also managed to do our usual craft based around mothers and Father's Day.

As we were unable to take part in this year's remembrance service, the Beavers along with all the other members of the group painted poppies on pebbles which were left around the war memorial.

We also held a virtual camp which everyone enjoyed, especially making mug cakes. Finally, the Beavers were encouraged to attend the Scouts Cymru virtual meetings, the highlight of which was a magic show that everyone enjoyed.

We have had one face to face meeting since the restrictions have been lifted which went very well, the



Beavers enjoyed meeting and catching up with each other as well as doing some badgework and playing a few games.

Our priority for next academic year will be to catch up with the missed outdoor and face to face scouting we have been unable to do over the last year.

cubs Annual Report 2021

1 Pack Membership 2020

Cubs: 19

Young Leaders: 3

Leaders (exc. GSL): 6

2020 Spring Term Average attendance: 17 cubs

2020 Summer Term Average attendance: 17 cubs

2020 Winter Term Average attendance: 16 cubs

Pack attendance numbers have been strong throughout 2020 despite having to move the programme online for the majority of the year.

In 2020 we awarded a total of 106 badges including 2 of the highest Cub awards: The Chief Scout's Silver Award.

It's been great to award badges throughout lockdown, I've enjoyed delivering those envelopes most of all. Really well done to all our Cubs and thank you to parents for supporting them and uploading all those achievements through.

Awarding more badges can only be achieved by parent's help and would love to see them getting more involved with completing badge work at home. Looking at the badge section in OSM can identify any areas left to complete and you can always talk to a leader.

2 Pack Leadership Team



The present pack leadership team consists of 6 adult leaders (Nick Allsopp, Aled Jones-Pritchard, Guto Allsopp, Alya Lawrence, Georgina Hooper and Chris Davies).

We are assisted by the Group Scout Leader (Les Hancock).

We have three young leaders (Owen Barwise, Lewis Holyfield and Osian Allsopp).

Thank you to all Leaders for their help and innovative ideas which have kept the Cub programme as engaging as possible. We learned how to Zoom, Blooket, Escape virtual rooms... what a year.

Extra special thanks to our Young Leaders. Their enthusiasm, commitment and willingness to help run activities has been second to none. They set excellent examples to the Cubs and we are very fortunate to have them as part of our Pack Leadership Team.

3 What happened in 2020

At the start of 2020, we celebrated Chinese New Year, developed engineering skills with spaghetti and marshmallows, went trampolining, started our scientist badge and made cards and decorated trinket pots for Mother's Day. And then Lockdown hit.

I remember delivering all the Mother's Day gifts to doorsteps with a note to our Cubs that they should continue to do their best and be the best Cub they could be until we could meet face to face again.

The Cubs did not let us down. They have been fantastic in adapting to the new meetings and we've had some really fun sessions. Of course there have been things we have missed from not being able to meet face to face for a large part of the year, but here are some of my highlights:

Hike to the Moon

We put on our best fancy dress costumes and moon walked, crab walked, fast walked, slow walked, dance walked our way to the moon as part of the National challenge.

Escape rooms

Cubs solved puzzles to find keys to escape the virtual Scout Hall.

So many games

Bingo, Stop the bus, Pictionary, quiz nights scavenger hunts, Taskmaster, Play your Cards Right

Communicator Badge



Code breaking, learning more about each other,

Emergency Aid Badge

With support on a virtual session by a paramedic.

Calling for help

Personal Safety Badge

With support on a virtual session by community police officer.

Firework safety and spotting dangers in everyday situations e.g in a kitchen or crossing a road.

Lego Builders

Challenges building Lego structures with a limited number of bricks and time.

Parties

Online Halloween: fancy dress, making spooky ghost lanterns, wooden pumpkin decorating

Christmas Party: party hats, making paper chains and tree decorations

Cub Camps

We held a virtual camp linking up with the National Cub Camp.

We managed one hike to Forest Fawr in between lockdowns.

Thank you to all the Cubs for making this strange year a little bit easier on us all by giving Thursday evenings a sense of normality with fun, laughter, chats and a little bit of chaos.

Thank you to all our parents for their unwavering support, for putting up with their Cubs rushing about looking for a rubber band or pair of socks during a scavenger hunt or listening to the best scream at Halloween.

Finally thanks to the Leaders who have delivered the Top Secret Cub envelopes each half term full of goodies for the Cubs to participate in each event.



SCOUTS  Annual Report 2021

Scout AGM Report

Boys: 19

Girls: 3



Total: 22

Young Leaders: 0

Leaders: 5 +2 (university away)

It is been a strange year in scouts, for most of the year we have not been able to meet face to face, there was a short time between the second and third outbreak where we managed to fit in a walk around Forest Fawr in the pouring rain.

When the 3rd phase of Covid started we were forced back to virtual meetings, with restrictions only now beginning to be lifted. We have had a campfire and a semaphore evening in the scout hall field. Due to the 2-meter restriction (which effects only the scout section) even though we can meet face to face it is difficult to find activities that do not break the rule. However, will try to organize a few more outdoor meetings for the last half of this term.

Although under the scout rules it is now possible to consider meeting indoors, due to the troop size and the size of the hall this is not possible. We have decided not to meet indoors while the 2-meter rule is in place.

The troop has continued to meet every week over the last year, even though it has been virtually. During this time, we have worked on activity badges that can be done remotely, these have included the craft, communicators, photography, science, global Issues, local knowledge badges and we will be looking at the astronomer's badge for the rest of this term. At the start of the year, we were averaging 13 scouts per virtual meeting but that has now increased to 16.

Our priority for next academic year (once the 2 meter rule will be lifted) will be to catch up with the missed outdoor and face to face scouting we have been unable to do over the last year.