

1ST WOODHAM FERRERS SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 801278

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1989-05-03

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Activities

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

Activities: As per laid down by the Scout Association

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£26,018	£20,920	-	-
2024-03-31	£21,201	£15,251	-	-
2023-03-31	£16,431	£17,621	-	-
2022-03-31	£21,261	£23,959	-	-
2021-03-31	£31,906	£14,732	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Peter Leslie Carter	Chair	2018-07-14
Adam Frost		2018-07-14
Colin David Reynolds		2018-07-14
Marion Lesley Carter		2017-07-02
Mark Alan Povey		2018-07-14
ROBERT EDWARD LYON		2023-07-15
Sheila Reece		2015-08-01

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**1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group
Annual Report
and Consolidated Accounts
2024-2025**

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The 58th Annual General Report

of the

1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group

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1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group

Trustee Board (as of July 2025)

Chair	Peter Carter
Secretary	Marion Carter
Treasurer	Sheila Reece
Group Lead Volunteer	Adam Frost
Hut Facilities Manager	Mark Povey
Waiting List & Gift Aid Admin	Colin Reynolds
	Rob Lyon

Bankers: Charities Aid Foundation CAF Bank Limited.
Epworth Investment Management Ltd

Group Registration Number with the Scout Association: 37586
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Chair's Report

It's 2025 and another year of scouting has gone by and a good year it has been.

Since the last AGM, the major changes implemented in 2024 by the Scout Association into the running of scouts are embedding themselves into our day-to-day activities. These changes are continually being reviewed and updated with the focus being on safety. This does not mean that adventurous activities at different levels are stopped, it means that the organisers of activities and events are better trained and supported to provide these things safely. All leaders now have to complete training such as Safety, Safeguarding, Inclusion and First Aid. All activities away from our scout hut need to be risk assessed and a written risk assessment must be completed, checked and agreed. Although this adds to the work leaders do, it ensures that scouts are as safe as possible when they are in our care.

I would like to thank the leaders and helpers who give their time to give our young members such memorable times, without them the Scouting experience that we offer would be much reduced, but we continue to need leaders and helpers, we really do.

I would like to give a special "thank you" to Adam Frost who stepped into the role of Group Lead Volunteer about seven months ago. Without him stepping forward to take on this role there was the danger of our Scout Group closing. Adam has dealt with the safe running of our Group and dealt with a wide range of issues admirably and successfully and he has my full support.

I'm sorry to say that our plan to build a new scout hut has been put on hold. The main reason being funding and all the associated work around fundraising. On the plus side we have agreed to upgrade the facilities at our scout hut and have a new kitchen being installed in our smaller meeting room. At the time of writing this report, work is set to start on 21st July 2025. This upgrade will greatly improve our facilities and will allow scouts to hone their culinary skills, so be prepared to sample inventive meals at home.

We still have a waiting list to join our scout group which shows that Scouting is still a popular organisation for young people. Unfortunately, the number of adults willing to help does not increase enough to reduce our waiting list. Without leaders, helpers and you, scouting cannot be as fun and exciting as it should be. Check our Facebook pages to see what we do. https://www.facebook.com/firstwoodhamscouts/?locale=en_GB

If you are interested in helping to keep scouting alive in South Woodham, to give youngsters a unique experience please speak to any Leader, Trustee Committee member or email info@wfscouts.org.uk.

I would also like to remind all parents of scouts that you are regarded as a member of our Scout Council. As such you are able to be involved in how the Scout Group is managed by becoming an active member of our Scout Council. If this is something you would like to be involved in please speak to any Leader, Trustee Committee member, check our Face Book pages or email us.

Peter Carter

Trustee Board Chair

Group Secretary Report

On behalf of the Trustee Board, I would like to thank the Leaders and their helpers for all their hard work and dedication during the last year. Also thank you to our young scouting members and their parents/carers for their continuing support. A very big thank you to Adam Frost, who took on the role of Group Lead Volunteer earlier this year following Keith Davis stepping down from the role.

Our special thanks go to the following people in the South Woodham Community and beyond.

South Woodham Rotary for their sponsorship of the Swimming Gala.

Asda for their continued support and our special thanks to Lisa Kelly.

South Woodham Ferrers Town Council for their continued support.

All members of the expanding 100 club.

All parents and carers who have allowed us to apply for Gift Aid.

Without the continuing support of the above people, we would not be able to maintain our ageing Scout Headquarters and we are deeply grateful for this.

The big project that the Group Trustees' have undertaken this year is the planning of a new larger kitchen. Thanks to Keith Davis for staying on with the Group to help oversee this project.

One other person I would personally like to thank is Mark Povey, who is our Facility Trustee, for his continued hard work in keeping our Headquarters clean, tidy and well maintained.

Here's hoping that in the next 12 months we will continue to grow and expand for the youth of South Woodham Ferrers.

Marion Carter

Group Secretary

Treasurer's Report

As Treasurer, I can again report another good year and that we remain a viable concern.

We are still using Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) as our Bankers and although they are making some changes to how we use their systems, I am sure myself and the other signatories will eventually get used to the changes. They still seem better than the horror stories you hear about various High Street Banks.

Our Income was up on last year for 100 Club (£493.31), Gift Aid (£3,370.62) and Interest we received on Bank Accounts, both current and savings (£1,760.70)

We also had several successful fund-raising events including Breakfast, D Day Stall, Activity Day, Asda Bucket Collections x 3 and the Christmas Lights Stall.

All the above have helped us considerably to gather the funds needed to our new and enlarged kitchen, which will be installed at the end of July.

Once again, our accounts tallied exactly to the penny and was sent to Sharon, our friendly accountant, independent assessment before being posted with the Charity Commission. As always, we are so grateful to Sharon for doing this.

Once again, I also say that we are forever on the lookout for new fund-raising ideas and help to run any of these events. If you do volunteer with us, we can assure you will enjoy it.

Thank you so much to everyone who supports us.

Sheila Reece

Group Treasurer

Consolidated Group Accounts – Payments / Receipts

Title	Classification	Unrestricted Central	Allocated Fundraising	Allocated Fenn	Allocated Stow	Allocated Birketts	Allocated Edwins	Allocated Hyde	Allocated Marsh	Allocated Tabrums	Total
RECEIPTS											
Donations, legacies and similar income											
Membership subscriptions (GoCardless)		£ 15,196.00									£ 15,196.00
Fund transfer - GoCardless subs allocation		-£ 3,800.00		£ 520.00	£ 400.00	£ 720.00	£ 380.00	£ 500.00	£ 710.00	£ 570.00	£ -
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on		-£ 5,929.00									-£ 5,929.00
Net membership subscriptions retained		£ 5,467.00		£ 520.00	£ 400.00	£ 720.00	£ 380.00	£ 500.00	£ 710.00	£ 570.00	£ 9,267.00
Gift Aid			£ 3,370.62								£ 3,370.62
Donations			£ 110.00								£ 110.00
Sub Total		£ 5,467.00	£ 3,480.62	£ 520.00	£ 400.00	£ 720.00	£ 380.00	£ 500.00	£ 710.00	£ 570.00	£ 12,747.62
Grants											
Rotary for Swimming Gala			£ 475.00								£ 475.00
Sub Total		£ -	£ 475.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 475.00
Activities											
Go Cardless (other)		£ 7,059.00									£ 7,059.00
Camping (general)		-£ 5,052.30		£ 530.87	£ 218.81	£ 2,495.40	£ 446.18	£ 369.33	£ 991.71		£ 0.00
Hike (general)		-£ 285.30		£ 218.10	£ 106.20						£ 39.00
Other outings / events		-£ 870.62				£ 547.16	£ 186.51	£ 136.95			£ -
Fireworks		-£ 569.74		£ 79.39	£ 60.71	£ 107.41	£ 60.71	£ 79.39	£ 107.41	£ 74.72	£ -
Sub Total		£ 281.04	£ -	£ 828.36	£ 385.72	£ 3,149.97	£ 693.40	£ 585.67	£ 1,099.12	£ 74.72	£ 7,098.00
Fundraising											
100 club		£ 1,127.00									£ 1,127.00
Asda Bucket collections			£ 1,258.52								£ 1,258.52
D Day stall			£ 270.80								
Xmas lights stall			£ 204.68								
Breakfast			£ 766.51								£ 766.51
Sub Total		£ 1,127.00	£ 2,500.51	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,152.03
Other Income											
Water Cost Contribution from Guides		£ 247.98									£ 247.98
AGM / activity day			£ 386.95								£ 386.95
Recruitment Evening from District			£ 150.00								
Sub Total		£ 247.98	£ 536.95	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 784.93
Investment income											
Sub Total		£ -	£ 1,760.71	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,760.71
Total receipts		£ 7,123.02	£ 8,753.79	£ 1,348.36	£ 785.72	£ 3,869.97	£ 1,073.40	£ 1,085.67	£ 1,809.12	£ 644.72	£ 26,018.29
Transfers											
Total Transfers		-£ 1,056.81	£ 1,064.81	£ 389.35	-£ 60.71	£ 1,742.89	-£ 937.06	-£ 633.84	-£ 526.91	£ 18.28	£ 0.00
Payments											
Charitable Payments											
Rent		£ 150.00									£ 150.00
Water		£ 714.00									£ 714.00
Electricity		£ 1,410.42									£ 1,410.42
Insurance		£ 1,238.66									£ 1,238.66
Hut Maintenance		£ 1,394.64									£ 1,394.64
Fire safety		£ 318.00									£ 318.00
OSM Subscription costs		£ 306.50									£ 306.50
Go Cardless Fees (subscriptions)		£ 501.48									£ 501.48
Bank Fees		£ 60.00									£ 60.00
OSM Failed payment fee		£ 5.83									£ 5.83
Equipment (and equipment maintenance)		£ 33.90	£ 911.99								£ 945.89
Sundries / General Resources		£ 393.26		£ 5.60	£ 54.42	£ 33.10			£ 25.44		£ 511.82
Recruitment evening			£ 340.23								
Meeting Resources				£ 115.01	£ 360.89	£ 371.54	£ 318.83	£ 411.32	£ 316.69	£ 303.00	£ 2,197.28
Uniforms		£ 84.98									£ 84.98
Scarfs and badges		£ 85.00		£ 17.00		£ 223.06		£ 214.85	£ 347.27	£ 172.54	£ 1,059.72
Sub Total		£ 6,696.67	£ 1,252.22	£ 137.61	£ 415.31	£ 627.70	£ 318.83	£ 626.17	£ 689.40	£ 475.54	£ 11,239.45
Activity Expenses											
GoCardless Fees (Unit Events)		£ 281.04									£ 281.04
Camp				£ 576.32	£ 4.50	£ 4,129.42			£ 520.00		£ 5,230.24
Hike				£ 308.21							£ 308.21
Other outings / events					£ 40.00	£ 180.00				£ 453.82	£ 673.82
Fireworks				£ 562.85							£ 562.85
Xmas bowling						£ 739.90					£ 739.90
Swimming Gala			£ 545.90								£ 545.90
AGM / Activity day			£ 256.86								£ 256.86
Sub Total		£ 281.04	£ 802.76	£ 1,447.38	£ 44.50	£ 5,049.32	£ -	£ -	£ 520.00	£ 453.82	£ 8,598.82
Fundraising Expenses											
Go Cardless Fees (100 club)		£ 70.19									£ 70.19
100 Club (prizes)			£ 470.50								£ 470.50
D Day stall			£ 10.00								
Xmas lights stall			£ 84.73								
Breakfast			£ 446.27								£ 446.27
Sub Total		£ 70.19	£ 1,011.50	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,081.69
Total payments		£ 7,047.90	£ 3,066.48	£ 1,584.99	£ 459.81	£ 5,677.02	£ 318.83	£ 626.17	£ 1,209.40	£ 929.36	£ 20,919.96
Funds last year end		£ 13,078.87	£ 37,210.24	£ 366.46	£ 309.33	£ 374.49	£ 246.98	£ 378.73	£ 372.02	£ 1,082.19	£ 53,419.31
Net receipts including transfers		-£ 981.69	£ 6,752.12	£ 152.72	£ 265.20	-£ 64.16	-£ 182.49	-£ 174.34	£ 72.81	-£ 266.36	£ 5,573.81
Payments pending											£ -
Funds this year end (exc payments pending)		£ 12,097.18	£ 43,962.36	£ 519.18	£ 574.53	£ 310.33	£ 64.49	£ 204.39	£ 444.83	£ 815.83	£ 58,993.12

Consolidated Group Accounts – assets / liabilities

Classification	Unrestricted	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	
Title	Central	Fundraising	Fenn	Stow	Birketts	Edwins	Hyde	Marsh	Tabrums	Total	
Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year											
Cash funds last year end											
Funds last year end (buckets)	£ 13,078.87	£ 37,210.24	£ 366.46	£ 309.33	£ 374.49	£ 246.98	£ 378.73	£ 372.02	£ 1,082.19	£ 53,419.31	
Payments pending										£ -	
Cash/Cheques waiting to be banked										£ -	
Total	£ 13,078.87	£ 37,210.24	£ 366.46	£ 309.33	£ 374.49	£ 246.98	£ 378.73	£ 372.02	£ 1,082.19	£ 53,419.31	
Cash funds this year end											
Funds this year end (buckets)	£ 12,097.18	£ 43,962.36	£ 519.18	£ 574.53	£ 310.33	£ 64.49	£ 204.39	£ 444.83	£ 815.83	£ 58,993.12	
Sub Total	£ 12,097.18	£ 43,962.36	£ 519.18	£ 574.53	£ 310.33	£ 64.49	£ 204.39	£ 444.83	£ 815.83	£ 58,993.12	
Liabilities											
Payments pending										£ -	
Sub Total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Other monetary assets											
Debts/Cash/Cheques waiting to be banked										£ -	
Sub Total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Investment assets											
Property/investments										£ -	
Sub Total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Net worth (excluding non-monetary assets)	£ 12,097.18	£ 43,962.36	£ 519.18	£ 574.53	£ 310.33	£ 64.49	£ 204.39	£ 444.83	£ 815.83	£ 58,993.12	
Non monetary assets for charity's own use											
Stock/equipment	£ 10,000.00		£ 200.00	£ 200.00	£ 400.00	£ 400.00	£ 500.00	£ 400.00	£ 400.00	£ 12,500.00	
Bank Accounts this year end											
Epworth Cash Fund Plus Account	£31,824.82										
CAF Gold Account	£10,382.74										
CAF Cash Account	£16,785.56										
Sub Total	£ 58,993.12	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 58,993.12	

Consolidated Group Accounts – Examiner’s Report

Independent examiner’s report to the trustees of 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group 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 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner’s statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:

[Redacted name]

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address:

[Redacted address]

Date: 30th June 2025

Group Lead Volunteer Report

This is my first report as Group Lead Volunteer, having taken on the role in February 2025. I'd like to begin by extending my sincere thanks to my predecessor, Keith Davis, who served as Group Lead Volunteer (formerly Group Scout Leader) for around eight years. Keith has been an integral part of our group for many more years before that, holding a variety of roles. Although he officially stepped down in October 2024, he remains actively involved and is currently managing the new kitchen project, due to be completed over the summer holidays. We're incredibly grateful for his continued dedication.

Since stepping into the role, it's fair to say I've hit the ground running dealing with the day-to-day operations, overcoming a range of challenges, and working closely with our fantastic team of volunteers. I'd like to offer a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported me through this transition: our Section Leaders, Trustee Board, and the District Leadership Team. Your guidance, encouragement, and trust have been hugely appreciated, and your support truly reflects the values and spirit of Scouting.

Across the group, I've been incredibly impressed by the range and quality of activities taking place each week. Our volunteers have been delivering engaging programmes, many of which take our young people beyond the Scout Hut and into the wider world. From adventurous camps to community focused activities such as litter picking and attending local events, our sections continue to have a positive impact within the community.

One of our biggest achievements this year has been the successful launch of the new 'Phoenix' Explorer Scout Unit. This marks the return of Explorers to our group after a number of years, following the closure of the previous unit. While Explorers sit under the responsibility of Chelmsford District, the new unit has already proven to be a valuable part of our group's extended family. It's fantastic to now have a pathway for our Scouts to continue their journey beyond age 14. Several Phoenix Explorers have already stepped up to become Young Leaders, supporting our younger sections—and I'm excited to see how the unit grows in the coming months.

Another highlight has been the continued and visible support we receive from our parents and guardians. Whether it's assisting with camps, helping out at events, or lending a hand when needed, your contributions make a real difference. On behalf of the entire leadership team, I want to say a big thank you—your support does not go unnoticed and is deeply appreciated.

Finally, if anyone is interested in getting involved—whether it's helping at weekly meetings, supporting events and fundraising, or assisting with site maintenance—we would love to hear from you. Volunteering, even in small ways, can make a big impact. Please feel free to contact me directly at glv@wfscouts.org.uk

Thank you once again for your continued support—and here's to another successful year of Scouting at 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group

Adam Frost

Group Lead Volunteer

Unit Reports

BEAVERS

Marsh Beaver Colony

We've had another great year at Marsh Beavers, full of fun, challenges, and plenty of laughter.

One of the standout moments was our sleepover at Ninja Warrior—lots of climbing, bouncing, energy and not much sleep! We also enjoyed a lovely Mother's Day tea party, a lively Easter egg hunt, a town centre litter pick where the Beavers really showed how much they care about their community, and a much-loved chip shop walk. Sometimes the simple things are the best. The Beavers have thrown themselves into everything with enthusiasm and teamwork, which is brilliant to see.

This term, we're sadly saying goodbye to Falcon (Mel), who has been an important part of our team for three years. Her energy, support, and good humour have made a real difference, and she'll be missed by all of us. We wish her every success and hope she drops in for a visit now and again.

Ann Underhill

Beaver Team Member



BEAVERS

Tabrums Beaver Colony

2024/25 has been another busy and enjoyable year for Tabrums Beavers. We had a very enjoyable evening at Riffhams camp site, a brilliant trip to Ninja Warrior and visits from the food bank and a police officer with his dog. The Beavers have also gone on hikes, celebrated VE day, tried shooting, took part in the Scout Swimming Gala and enjoyed outdoor cooking on a campfire.

We have also completed several badges including Navigator Stage 1, Emergency Aid Stage 1 and Experiment as well as various challenge badges. This year, 5 Beavers also achieved their Chief Scout Bronze Award

Many thanks to our parents, leaders and young leaders who have helped deliver these activities over the past year

Lee Morell

Beaver Team Leader





Hyde Cub Pack

2024-2025 has been another great year for Hyde Cubs. We have had a fun packed programme over the year which has included VE Day celebrations, a fun night bowling for our Christmas party, taking part in the Scout Swimming Gala, Cub takeovers (where our older Cubs have planned and run the night), Taskmaster, hikes and campfire cooking. The highlight of the year was undoubtedly attending Mega Camp where our Cubs had an opportunity to take part in lots of activities over the weekend.

The Cubs have been working hard over the year to gain a number of badges each, including Pioneer, Emergency Aid, Backwoods Cooking, Money Skills, Air Activities and various Challenge badges. I have also been very pleased to present 4 Cubs with their Chief Scout Silver Award this year.

It wouldn't be possible to run activities such as we do without the support of parents and leaders - many thanks to all who have helped out this year and especially to the other leaders at Hyde, Sam, Sharon and Matt.

We are looking forward to further adventures and challenges in the coming terms.

Shona Nettlingham

Cub Team Leader





Edwins Cub Pack

As we reflect on the past year at Edwins, we are incredibly proud of everything our young people have achieved. It has been a year packed with adventure, learning, creativity, and plenty of fun! From exciting new experiences to developing important life skills, our Cubs have truly embraced the spirit of Scouting.

One of the standout moments this year was the District Swimming Gala, where we were thrilled to win the relay race, showing great teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship.

The Cubs got hands-on with nature as they learned to cook using traditional backwoods techniques. From making dough twists on sticks to mastering the art of fire lighting. Science came alive during our themed week of experiments for National Science Week. Cubs explored the wonders of chemistry, physics, and even space, bringing their curiosity and creativity to each challenge.

We had several campfire evenings, toasting marshmallows, sharing stories, and learned about fire safety.

Our Cubs had an unforgettable time at MegaCamp, joining other packs for a weekend of large-scale activities. From obstacle courses to climbing walls and everything in between, it was an incredible adventure filled with memories and friendships.

The Cubs showed their thoughtful sides with creative gift-making nights for Mother's Day, Fathers Day, Christmas, Valentines and Chinese New Year producing some beautiful and heartfelt crafts to take home and share with loved ones.

We've explored the local countryside on hikes, developing map-reading skills, resilience, and an appreciation for nature.

Crafts have remained a key part of our weekly programme, from seasonal decorations to imaginative models. Our Cubs have cut, painted, glued, stitched, and sculpted their way through a host of creative projects.

In addition to our regular programme, the Cubs enjoyed a number of exciting outings and visits. We had a fantastic trip to RHS Hyde Hall, where the Cubs explored the gardens, learned about plants and wildlife, and took part in hands-on nature activities. A visit to the local fire station gave Cubs the chance to meet real firefighters, try out

equipment, and learn about fire safety in an engaging and memorable way. Our pickleball sessions at the local leisure centre gave the Cubs the opportunity to play on full-size courts. We were also lucky to welcome a team of paramedics, who visited to talk about their vital work, demonstrate equipment, and teach the Cubs how to respond in a medical emergency; a brilliant hands-on session that tied in with our First Aid badge work.

Our Cubs have worked hard to earn a wide range of badges this year, reflecting their diverse interests and commitment to learning. Highlights include:

- Astronomy
- First Aid
- Backwoods Cooking
- Knots
- Adventure Challenge
- Nights Away
- Home Help
- Pet Care
- Disability Awareness
- DIY
- Reading

We couldn't have achieved so much without the dedication of our volunteer leaders, helpers, and parents.

Russell Metcalf

Cub Team Leader





Birketts Cub Pack

Barry Kidd

Cub Team Leader

SCOUTS

Fenn Scout Troop

Fenn Scout Troop currently has four leaders and fourteen members.

The growth of the Fenn Scout Troop has remained static, with older scouts now moving up to the new Phoenix Explorer Scout Unit, while Cubs moving up into the Scout section are increasingly opting to join Stow Scout Troop instead, which has seen increase in membership over the same period.

Several factors have contributed to this trend. Some Cubs have chosen to delay their transition to Scouts in order to participate in the Cub District Mega Camp. We are hopeful that our numbers will improve in September as new Cubs move up.

Whilst leaders have held Patrol Leader and Troop forums to gauge the activities that should be incorporated into our meetings, attendance to our weekly troop meetings is down.

Likewise, the Troop's attendance at District and Group Events has also been impacted. For example, the number attending the Plainsman Hike has decreased this year by over 60%. This event covers the requirements for the Scouts Expedition Challenge Award and is crucial for scouts aiming for their Chief Scout's Gold Award.

This year, despite these challenges, Fenn Scout Troop have collectively earned over 160 scout badges and we are delighted to confirm that three Scouts from Fenn Scout Troop have completed their Chief Scout's Gold Award – the highest award in the Scout section.

This achievement can only be attributed to the balanced programme that is organised and led by all leaders involved and the diligence and hard work exhibited by these Scouts.

Mark Grainger

Scout Team Leader

SCOUTS

Stow Scout Troop

Yet again, the past year has flown by!

Stow Scout Troop currently has 19 Scouts, 2 Young Leaders, and 3 Leaders—a positive increase from this time last year, and a reflection of our continued growth and engagement.

As in previous years, Fenn and Stow Troops have delivered a shared weekly programme throughout most of each term. This collaborative approach ensures all Scouts across our group benefit from consistent, high-quality experiences and activities.

We've continued to run and attend many of our annual favourites, including the Festive Sleepover, Firework Night, Swimming Gala, Plainsman Hike, and Greenfield Survival Camp. These events are not only great fun but are designed to help Scouts develop essential skills and make lasting memories.

We always encourage our Scouts to take part in as many activities as possible, especially district events, which provide valuable opportunities to connect with peers from other groups, share stories, and build new friendships.

This year, we also introduced some new and exciting activities to the programme:

- **Maldon Ghost Walk** – In March, we took part in an evening walking tour through Maldon, filled with ghoulish tales and fascinating local history.
- **Chip Shop Survey** – In April, we wrapped up the term with full bellies after visiting several eateries in Chelmsford to discover who serves the best chips in town.
- **Thames Sailing Barge Trust** – In June, we spent an evening aboard Centaur, a 130-year-old barge moored in Maldon. The Scouts enjoyed a tour and activities provided by the Thames Sailing Barge Trust.

These new experiences were a hit with the Scouts and have received fantastic feedback—we're confident they'll return to the programme in future terms.

Although next year's programme is still being finalised, we're already looking forward to the exciting district events ahead—and especially the return of **EPIC Camp in June 2026**.

In conclusion, I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our leaders, both those present each week and those working tirelessly behind the scenes. Your passion and commitment are what make this programme possible. We simply couldn't do it without you.

Adam Frost

Scout Team Leader / Group Lead Volunteer



Fundraising Support

The Scout Group arranges various fundraising activities which earlier this year included The Group Breakfast. Many thanks to everyone who have supported these activities – we hope you enjoy them. Please keep an eye out for future fundraising events and take part if you can. You may also notice that we have held a number of ASDA bucket collections to fundraise from the wider community.

In addition to events, we also run a 100 Club, which is a low impact way for parents to support the group. We also try to boost our fundraising income through claiming Gift Aid. Below are details of the Scout Group's Gift Aid and 100 Club.



Each year the Scout Group claims Gift Aid from HMRC on the subscriptions parents pay for our members. This year we have reclaimed almost £4,000 from HMRC under Gift Aid helping to make projects like the new kitchen possible. However, we can only claim Gift Aid with the permission of parents. Most parents have signed up for this but if you receive an email via OSM to sign up to Gift Aid or an email from Colin Reynolds (our Gift Aid co-ordinator), please give your permission if you are able to.

100 Club

The 100 Club is a monthly draw run by the Scout Group, collected by Direct Debit, where 50% of the takings are paid as prize winnings, and the remainder goes towards Scout Group fundraising. You can sign up for any number of £1 tickets per month with each one having the same chance of winning (*minimum 2 tickets per month*). The 100 Club is open to all supporters and currently has a monthly prize of approximately £50.

If you would like to support us and join the 100 club, you can either use one of the links below or contact us first for more information. The links below will request you to enter your direct debit and contact details. Please enter you email and address carefully as these will be used to contact you in the case of a win.

[For 2 tickets per month click here](#)

[For 4 tickets per month click here](#)

[For 5 tickets per month click here](#)

[For 6 tickets per month click here](#)

If you wish to leave the Club at any point, simply cancel the direct debit with your bank, or contact us and we will be happy to help.

For other amounts of tickets, information or support signing up please contact Colin Reynolds at 100club@wfscouts.org.uk.



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1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group											
Group Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025											
Classification	Unrestricted	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	
Title	Central	Fundraising	Fenn	Stow	Birketts	Edwins	Hyde	Marsh	Tabrums	Total	
RECEIPTS											
Donations, legacies and similar income											
Membership subscriptions (GoCardless)	£ 15,196.00									£ 15,196.00	
Fund transfer - GoCardless subs allocation	-£ 3,800.00		£ 520.00	£ 400.00	£ 720.00	£ 380.00	£ 500.00	£ 710.00	£ 570.00	£ -	
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on	-£ 5,929.00									-£ 5,929.00	
Net membership subscriptions retained	£ 5,467.00		£ 520.00	£ 400.00	£ 720.00	£ 380.00	£ 500.00	£ 710.00	£ 570.00	£ 9,267.00	
Gift Aid		£ 3,370.62								£ 3,370.62	
Donations		£ 110.00								£ 110.00	
Sub Total	£ 5,467.00	£ 3,480.62	£ 520.00	£ 400.00	£ 720.00	£ 380.00	£ 500.00	£ 710.00	£ 570.00	£ 12,747.62	
Grants											
Rotary for Swimming Gala		£ 475.00								£ 475.00	
Sub Total	£ -	£ 475.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 475.00	
Activities											
Go Cardless (other)	£ 7,059.00									£ 7,059.00	
Camping (general)	-£ 5,052.30		£ 530.87	£ 218.81	£ 2,495.40	£ 446.18	£ 369.33	£ 991.71		£ 0.00	
Hike (general)	-£ 285.30		£ 218.10	£ 106.20						£ 39.00	
Other outings / events	-£ 870.62				£ 547.16	£ 186.51	£ 136.95			£ -	
Fireworks	-£ 569.74		£ 79.39	£ 60.71	£ 107.41	£ 60.71	£ 79.39	£ 107.41	£ 74.72	£ -	
Sub Total	£ 281.04	£ -	£ 828.36	£ 385.72	£ 3,149.97	£ 693.40	£ 585.67	£ 1,099.12	£ 74.72	£ 7,098.00	
Fundraising											
100 club	£ 1,127.00									£ 1,127.00	
Asda Bucket collections		£ 1,258.52								£ 1,258.52	
D Day stall		£ 270.80									
Xmas lights stall		£ 204.68									
Breakfast		£ 766.51								£ 766.51	
Sub Total	£ 1,127.00	£ 2,500.51	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,152.03	
Other Income											
Water Cost Contribution from Guides	£ 247.98									£ 247.98	
AGM / activity day		£ 386.95								£ 386.95	
Recruitment Evening from District		£ 150.00									
Sub Total	£ 247.98	£ 536.95	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 784.93	
Investment income											
Sub Total	£ -	£ 1,760.71	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,760.71	
Total receipts	£ 7,123.02	£ 8,753.79	£ 1,348.36	£ 785.72	£ 3,869.97	£ 1,073.40	£ 1,085.67	£ 1,809.12	£ 644.72	£ 26,018.29	
Transfers											
Total Transfers	-£ 1,056.81	£ 1,064.81	£ 389.35	-£ 60.71	£ 1,742.89	-£ 937.06	-£ 633.84	-£ 526.91	£ 18.28	£ 0.00	
Payments											
Charitable Payments											
Rent	£ 150.00									£ 150.00	
Water	£ 714.00									£ 714.00	
Electricity	£ 1,410.42									£ 1,410.42	
Insurance	£ 1,238.66									£ 1,238.66	
Hut Maintenance	£ 1,394.64									£ 1,394.64	
Fire safety	£ 318.00									£ 318.00	
OSM Subscription costs	£ 306.50									£ 306.50	
Go Cardless Fees (subscriptions)	£ 501.48									£ 501.48	
Bank Fees	£ 60.00									£ 60.00	
OSM Failed payment fee	£ 5.83									£ 5.83	
Equipment (and equipment maintenance)	£ 33.90	£ 911.99								£ 945.89	
Sundries / General Resources	£ 393.26		£ 5.60	£ 54.42	£ 33.10			£ 25.44		£ 511.82	
Recruitment eveing		£ 340.23									
Meeting Resources			£ 115.01	£ 360.89	£ 371.54	£ 318.83	£ 411.32	£ 316.69	£ 303.00	£ 2,197.28	
Uniforms	£ 84.98									£ 84.98	
Scarfs and badges	£ 85.00		£ 17.00		£ 223.06		£ 214.85	£ 347.27	£ 172.54	£ 1,059.72	
Sub Total	£ 6,696.67	£ 1,252.22	£ 137.61	£ 415.31	£ 627.70	£ 318.83	£ 626.17	£ 689.40	£ 475.54	£ 11,239.45	
Activity Expenses											
GoCardless Fees (Unit Events)	£ 281.04									£ 281.04	
Camp			£ 576.32	£ 4.50	£ 4,129.42			£ 520.00		£ 5,230.24	
Hike			£ 308.21							£ 308.21	
Other outings / events				£ 40.00	£ 180.00				£ 453.82	£ 673.82	
Fireworks			£ 562.85							£ 562.85	
Xmas bowling					£ 739.90					£ 739.90	
Swimming Gala		£ 545.90								£ 545.90	
AGM / Activity day		£ 256.86								£ 256.86	
Sub Total	£ 281.04	£ 802.76	£ 1,447.38	£ 44.50	£ 5,049.32	£ -	£ -	£ 520.00	£ 453.82	£ 8,598.82	
Fundraising Expenses											
Go Cardless Fees (100 club)	£ 70.19									£ 70.19	
100 Club (prizes)		£ 470.50								£ 470.50	
D Day stall		£ 10.00									
Xmas lights stall		£ 84.73									
Breakfast		£ 446.27								£ 446.27	
Sub Total	£ 70.19	£ 1,011.50	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,081.69	
Total payments	£ 7,047.90	£ 3,066.48	£ 1,584.99	£ 459.81	£ 5,677.02	£ 318.83	£ 626.17	£ 1,209.40	£ 929.36	£ 20,919.96	
Funds last year end	£ 13,078.87	£ 37,210.24	£ 366.46	£ 309.33	£ 374.49	£ 246.98	£ 378.73	£ 372.02	£ 1,082.19	£ 53,419.31	
Net receipts including transfers	-£ 981.69	£ 6,752.12	£ 152.72	£ 265.20	-£ 64.16	-£ 182.49	-£ 174.34	£ 72.81	-£ 266.36	£ 5,573.81	
Payments pending										£ -	
Funds this year end (exc payments pending)	£ 12,097.18	£ 43,962.36	£ 519.18	£ 574.53	£ 310.33	£ 64.49	£ 204.39	£ 444.83	£ 815.83	£ 58,993.12	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group 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 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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: Sharon Louise Watkins

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: 16 Cornfields, South Woodham Ferrers, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 5UD

Date: 30th June 2025

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of the

1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group

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1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group

Executive Members and Trustees

Group Scout Leader		Keith Davis
Chairman		John English
Secretary		Marion Carter
Treasurer		Sheila Reece
<u>Beavers</u>	Marsh Tabrums	Claire Bell Lee Morell
<u>Cubs</u>	Birketts Edwins Hyde	Barry Kidd Russell Medcalf Gavin Perrett
<u>Scouts</u>	Fenn Stow	Andy Smith Adam Frost
Assistant Group Scout Leader		Peter Carter
Hut Facilitates Manager		Mark Povey
Quartermaster		Peter Brooks
Waiting List & Gift Aid Admin		Colin Reynolds

Bankers: Charities Aid Foundation CAF Bank Limited.

Group Registration Number with the Scout Association: 37586
Charity Registration Number: 801278

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Chairman's Report

Well, this year has been the strangest, due to the pandemic. A few Scout and Cub units have been able to continue on line and in the break between the rise in the virus some units squeezed in some outdoor meetings. Hopefully this September will hopefully see a slow return to normal.

To all those leaders that battled through with activities, even if only by Zoom, congratulations, well done, and thanks.

Thanks to help from council funding with have survived the year with only very little membership income. Once again, we extend our thanks to those responsible.

In spite of all the gloom, this year through donations and grants from various sources we have re-clad the north wall of our HQ. Apart from the cosmetic appearance we have cured the bulge in that wall. All we need now is a couple of grand to finish off the rest of our HQ.

Also, we have raised enough monies to dispose of the two old and leaky containers. After about 30 years they have reached the end of their useful life and we are now awaiting council approval to erect a concrete garage. It looks like this approval is forthcoming and the summer break should see it installed and all our camping equipment safely re housed.

Looking back, maybe the year was not so bad, for the group as a whole, but every one is itching to get back to proper scouting. To all the leaders many thanks for all they have done and achieved during these difficult times.

Hopefully we will exit the pandemic financially sound, but we would like to see more members in our 100 Club monthly draw. Also, if you use Amazon on line shopping, they will donate a halfpenny in every pound you spend to a charity. We are registered with the AMAZON SMILE charity, please would all parents join and help please. See details at the end of this booklet.

John English

Group Chairman

Group Secretary Report

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I would like to thank the Leaders and their helpers for all their hard work and dedication. Their support during the difficult times over the last year due to the continued Coronavirus pandemic, has been essential to keep the group running. Also thank you to our young scouting members and their parents/carers for their continuing support.

Our special thanks go to the following people in the South Woodham Community and beyond.

South Woodham Rotary for their generous donation from the Christmas Sleigh collection.

Royal Sun Alliance Neighbourly for their generous grant, which has enabled us to complete another wall of cladding to the Scout Headquarters.

Chelmsford City Council for their continued support to assist us financially through the difficult time during “lockdown”.

The Village Group for their grant, which has enabled us to replace the front section of the perimeter fence.

Asda and **South Woodham Ferrers Town Council** for their continued support and also the generosity of individuals **D W Saker** and ex-scout **Neil Povey**.

All members of the expanding 100 club.

Amazon Smile

All parents and carers who have allowed us to apply for Gift Aid.

Without the continuing support of the above people, we would not be able to maintain our aging Scout Headquarters and we are deeply grateful for this.

Here's hoping that in the next 12 months the present situation will improve and we will be able to restart normal section meetings and fundraising activities.

Marion Carter

Group Secretary

Treasurers Report

Like many organisations, we have had a rather different year financially.

We were unable to charge Membership Subscriptions, which usually forms the major part of our income.

However, we still had all the usual utility bills and insurances to pay. Plus, when between the two “Lockdowns”, we began to prepare to re-open again; we had to pay for our water systems to be inspected and checked for Legionnaire’s Disease and for the purchase of extra cleaning and sanitizing equipment and PPE, both of which were an extra expense than normal.

Before the Pandemic broke, we had already committed to the removal of the old storage containers, new fencing and to re-clad another wall of the Scout Hut in order to prolong its life and reduce maintenance.

We were fortunate to receive several donations, totalling £8208.40 which contributed to the costs of these works.

We also received Gift Aid from HMRC for the previous year of £2548.40 and Amazon paid us £63.16, so thanks to our supporters who used Amazon Smile for their Amazon purchases and specified us as their chosen charity.

The 100 Club made £451.89 profit. There are always more tickets available.

Our biggest income this year was from Chelmsford City Council who provided us with several grants, totalling £21,427.51. This money has only been used to pay for things that would normally have been paid for from Subs, which we were unable to collect in full. An accurate record is being kept of how much of this grant money we are spending.

All receipts are filed; every penny of expenditure and income is recorded and can be accounted for. The end of year balance sheets all add up correctly and are waiting to be audited in accordance with the Charity Commission’s requirements.

Sheila Reece

Group Treasurer

Consolidated Group Accounts – assets / liabilities

	Central	Fundraising	Fenn	Stow	Birketts	Edwins	Hyde	Marsh	Tabrums	Total
Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year										
Cash funds last year end										
Current account (CAF)	£ 14,439.43	£ 15,506.51	£ 908.08	£ 891.78	£ 393.70	£ 412.45	£ 523.85	£ 797.23	£ 261.09	£ 34,134.12
Cash Cheques waiting to be banked										£ -
Payments pending										£ -
Other Accounts										£ -
Total	£ 14,439.43	£ 15,506.51	£ 908.08	£ 891.78	£ 393.70	£ 412.45	£ 523.85	£ 797.23	£ 261.09	£ 34,134.12
Bank Accounts this end										
Other Accounts										
Sub Total	£ 30,070.56	£ 17,780.74	£ 504.15	£ 522.12	£ 479.11	£ 412.45	£ 486.22	£ 797.23	£ 261.09	£ 51,313.67
Other monetary assets										
Debts/Claims/Cash										£ -
Sub Total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Investment assets										
Property/investments										
Sub Total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Liabilities										
Payments pending						£ 6.00				
Sub Total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 6.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 6.00
Net worth (excluding non-monetary assets)	£ 30,070.56	£ 17,780.74	£ 504.15	£ 522.12	£ 479.11	£ 406.45	£ 486.22	£ 797.23	£ 261.09	£ 51,307.67
Non monetary assets for charity's own use										
Stock/equipment	£ 5,000.00	£ -	£ 200.00	£ 150.00	£ 400.00	£ 400.00	£ 200.00	£ 200.00	£ 400.00	£ 6,950.00

Consolidated Group Accounts – Payments / Receipts

	Central	Fundrais	Fenn	Stow	Birkett	Edwin	Hyde	Marsh	Tabrums	Total
RECEIPTS										
Donations, legacies and similar income										
Membership subscriptions (GoCardless)	£ 1,400.00									£ 1,400.00
Fund transfer - GoCardless subs allocation	-£ 360.00				£ 315.00	£ 45.00				£ -
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on	-£ 3,744.00									-£ 3,744.00
Net membership subscriptions retained	-£ 2,704.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 315.00	£ 45.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	-£ 2,344.00
Gift Aid		£ 2,548.53								£ 2,548.53
Donations		£ 830.00								£ 830.00
Sub Total	-£ 2,704.00	£ 3,378.53	£ -	£ -	£ 315.00	£ 45.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,034.53
Activities										
Camping (general)	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Hike (general)	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Other outings / events	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Miscellaneous	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 10.00	£ -	£ -	£ 10.00
Sub Total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 10.00	£ -	£ -	£ 10.00
Grants										
Village Group (for fencing)		£ 5,378.40								£ 5,378.40
Chelmsford Council (for covid recovery)	£ 21,427.51									£ 21,427.51
RSA Neighbourly (for cladding)		£ 2,000.00								£ 2,000.00
Sub Total	£ 21,427.51	£ 7,378.40	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 28,805.91
Fundraising										
100 club	£ 922.00									£ 922.00
Sub Total	£ 922.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 922.00
Other Income										
Water Cost Contribution from Guides	£ 638.66									£ 638.66
Rent from Explorers	£ 200.00									£ 200.00
Refund from EDF	£ 231.79									£ 231.79
Amazon Smile		£ 63.16								£ 63.16
Sub Total	£ 1,070.45	£ 63.16	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,133.61
Total receipts	£ 20,715.96	£ 10,820.09	£ -	£ -	£ 315.00	£ 45.00	£ 10.00	£ -	£ -	£ 31,906.05
Transfers										
Net Movement	-£ 912.89	£ 912.89	-£ 324.23	£ 324.23	£ 45.00	-£ 45.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total Transfers	-£ 912.89	£ 912.89	-£ 324.23	£ 324.23	£ 45.00	-£ 45.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Payments										
Charitable Payments										
Rent										£ -
Water	£ 1,037.92									£ 1,037.92
Electricity	£ 692.00									£ 692.00
Insurance	£ 817.36									£ 817.36
Hut Maintenance	£ 507.62									£ 507.62
Fire safety	£ 91.20									£ 91.20
Fencing		£ 4,662.00								£ 4,662.00
Garage Deposit		£ 745.75								£ 745.75
Cladding		£ 3,170.00								£ 3,170.00
Uniforms										£ -
OSM Subscription costs	£ 294.19									£ 294.19
Go Cardless Fees (subscriptions)	£ 41.20									£ 41.20
Go Cardless Fees (100 club)	£ 9.11									£ 9.11
Bank Fees	£ 69.00									£ 69.00
Container removal		£ 420.00								£ 420.00
Covid unit support	£ 155.78									£ 155.78
New Equipment										£ -
Equipment (and equipment maintenance)										£ -
Sundries / General Resources	£ 456.56				£ 12.10					£ 468.66
Meeting Resources			£ 49.70	£ 693.89	£ 207.62	£ 1.00	£ 47.63			£ 999.84
Scarfs and badges			£ 30.00		£ 54.87					£ 84.87
Event Refund						£ 5.00				£ 5.00
Sub Total	£ 4,171.94	£ 8,997.75	£ 79.70	£ 693.89	£ 274.59	£ 6.00	£ 47.63	£ -	£ -	£ 14,271.50
Activity Expenses										
Camp										£ -
Hike										£ -
Other outings / events										£ -
Sub Total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Fundraising Expenses										
100 Club (prizes)		£ 461.00								£ 461.00
Sub Total	£ -	£ 461.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 461.00
Total payments	£ 4,171.94	£ 9,458.75	£ 79.70	£ 693.89	£ 274.59	£ 6.00	£ 47.63	£ -	£ -	£ 14,732.50

Group Scout Leader's AGM Report

Having looked back to last year's report, it is hard to believe that we are still operating under the influence of Covid and the relevant Scout Association rules that apply.

Some sections have been running using Zoom meetings and the Scout sections have combined both Zoom and some external socially distanced face-to-face meetings within the scout grounds, weather and rules permitting.

Whilst there has been reduced activity at the hut, we have taken the opportunity to undertake some vital work within the building and the grounds in preparation for the time when we are given approval to return to normal face to face scouting. At the time of writing this report we are not sure when this will be.

I am sorry to say that there is not a lot more I can add to this report other than to thank the leaders for their patience and support especially those that have been running Zoom meetings and face to face meetings where possible.

I, of course, would also like to thank the members and their parents who have participated in activities albeit in a slightly different way.

I would also like to thank the Executive team for continuing to meet via Zoom for discussions and making decisions to ensure that the group still operates under the Scout Association and Covid rules.

Looking forward, once the group is able to return to face-to-face meetings, we will require increased support to help to run the sections. If you think you would be able to assist with this then please do not hesitate to contact me via email on gsl@wfscouts.org.uk.

Keith Davis

Group Scout Leader

Peter Carter

Assistant Group Scout Leader

Unit Reports

Since not many units have been undertaking scouting activities this year there are no Unit reports. Below is a list of the Group's Units along with their leader at year end.



Marsh Beaver Colony

Claire Bell *Beaver Scout Leader*



Tabrums Beaver Colony

Lee Morell *Beaver Scout Leader*



Hyde Cub Pack

Gavin Perrett *Cub Scout Leader*



Birketts Cub Pack

Barry Kidd *Cub Scout Leader*



Russell Metcalf

Edwins Cub Pack

Cub Scout Leader



Fenn Scout Troop

Andy Smith *Scout Leader*



Stow Scout Troop

Adam Frost *Scout Leader*



Columbus Explorer Scout Unit

Linda Clements

Explorer Scout Leader

Fundraising Support

The Scout Group generally tries to arrange a number of fundraising events throughout the year to allow us to update and renew our equipment, and maintain our aging building / facilities. Due to the pandemic we have not been able to hold any activities to raise funds for the Scout Group.

However, there are a number of low impact ways in which you can support us during this period and into the future. Below are details of the Scout Group's 100 Club, Amazon Smile charity scheme and the Co-Op Community Fund.



The 100 Club is a monthly draw run by the Scout Group, collected by Direct Debit, where 50% of the takings are paid as prize winnings, and the remainder goes towards Scout Group fundraising. You can sign up for any number of £1 tickets per month with each one having the same chance of winning. The 100 Club is open to all parents and leaders and currently has a monthly prize of approximately £40.

If you would like to support us and join the 100 club, you can either use one of the links below or contact us first for more information. The links below will request you to enter your direct debit and contact details. Please enter you email and address carefully as these will be used to contact you in the case of a win.

[For 1 ticket per month click here](#)

[For 2 tickets per month click here](#)

[For 4 tickets per month click here](#)

[For 5 tickets per month click here](#)

If you wish to leave the Club at any point, simply cancel the direct debit with your bank, or contact us and we will be happy to help.

For other amounts of tickets, information or support signing up please contact Colin Reynolds at 100club@wfscouts.org.uk (or telephone 01245 32970).



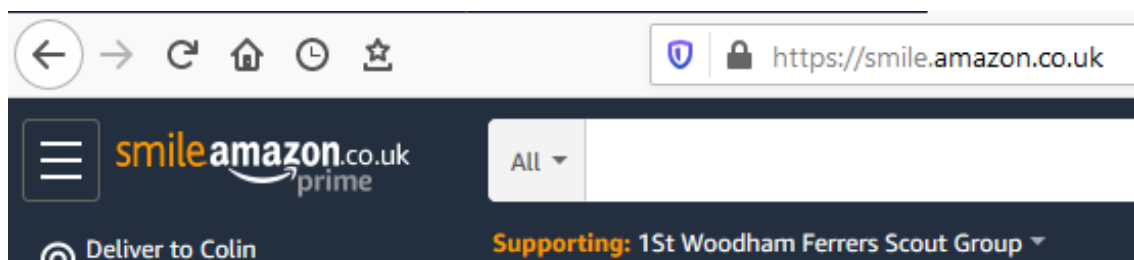
Last year we joined Amazon’s Smile scheme, where Amazon donate 0.5% of purchases to a charity of the customer’s choice at no extra cost to the customer or charity. To make the best out of this opportunity we need the support of as many parents, leaders and family members as possible.

For the Scout Group to benefit from this you will need to select 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group as your selected charity, and access the Amazon store though the Amazon Smile website. To make 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group as your selected charity follow this link and logon to your amazon account:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/801278-0>.

After that just use the Amazon Smile website <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> to make your regular purchases count. If you use the standard amazon website (www. amazon .co.uk) your purchase will not create a donation to the Scout Group. You could add the Amazon Smile website to your shortcuts/ favourites list to make sure every purchase counts.

Once setup and on the Amazon Smile website, you should see the phrase “Supporting: 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group” below the search box.



[If you access the Amazon store using the ‘Amazon Shopping’ App on your phone or tablet then instructions on how to set it up to make donations can be found here: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/b?ie=UTF8&node=17337655031>.]

Please forward this message to friends, family, or work colleges who buy from Amazon. The more people signup the greater the possible fundraising for the Scout Group. We thank you for your support.



Local Community Fund

1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group have been selected to be one of three local charities taking part the Co-op Local Community Fund for the forthcoming year up to October 2021.

The Local Community Fund allows Co-Op customers to donate to local causes just through making their usual purchases. Once selected, for every £1 spent on selected Co-op products and services, 2p would be donated to the Scout Group. All you need to do is to select 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group as your chosen Local Charity and scan your Co-Op membership card when you make a purchase. The nearest Co-Op store in SWF is in Barron Road, just along from Club Woodham.

To become a Co-op member and/or select 1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group as you're selected charity use our Co-Op profile page which is:

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/55237>.

The web page also allows you to see how much has been collected so far for the Scout Group.

Please feel free to forward this message to local friends, family - the more people sign up the greater the possible fundraising for the Scout Group. We thank you for your support.



Find Us on Facebook as: [1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group](#)

Website: www.wfscouts.org.uk

Contact: gsl@wfscouts.org.uk



Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st South Woodham Ferrers Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st South Woodham Ferrers Scout Group for the year ended 31 st March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st South Woodham Ferrers Scout Group 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 1st South Woodham Ferrers Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 1st South Woodham Ferrers Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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: Sharon Louise Watkins

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: 16 Cornfields, South Woodham Ferrers, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 5UD

Date: 8th July 2021

1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group												
Group Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021												
Classification	Unrestricted	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	
x	Central	Fundraising	100 Club	Fenn	Stow	Birketts	Edwins	Hyde	Marsh	Tabrums	Total	
RECEIPTS												
Donations, legacies and similar income												
Membership subscriptions (GoCardless)	£ 1,400.00											£ 1,400.00
Fund transfer - GoCardless subs allocation	-£ 360.00						£ 315.00	£ 45.00				£ -
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on	-£ 3,744.00											-£ 3,744.00
Net membership subscriptions retained	-£ 2,704.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 315.00	£ 45.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	-£ 2,344.00
Gift Aid		£ 2,548.53										£ 2,548.53
Donations		£ 830.00										£ 830.00
Sub Total	-£ 2,704.00	£ 3,378.53	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 315.00	£ 45.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,034.53
Activities												
Camping (general)	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Hike (general)	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Other outings / events	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Miscellaneous	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 10.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 10.00
Sub Total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 10.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 10.00
Grants												
Village Group (for fencing)		£ 5,378.40										£ 5,378.40
Chelmsford Council (for covid recovery)	£ 21,427.51											£ 21,427.51
RSA Neighbourly (for cladding)		£ 2,000.00										£ 2,000.00
Sub Total	£ 21,427.51	£ 7,378.40	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 28,805.91
Fundraising												
100 club	£ 922.00											£ 922.00
Sub Total	£ 922.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 922.00
Other Income												
Water Cost Contribution from Guides	£ 638.66											£ 638.66
Rent from Explorers	£ 200.00											£ 200.00
Refund from EDF	£ 231.79											£ 231.79
Amazon Smile		£ 63.16										£ 63.16
Sub Total	£ 1,070.45	£ 63.16	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,133.61
Total receipts	£ 20,715.96	£ 10,820.09	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 315.00	£ 45.00	£ 10.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 31,906.05
Transfers												
Net Movement	-£ 912.89	£ 912.89	£ -	-£ 324.23	£ 324.23	£ 45.00	-£ 45.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total Transfers	-£ 912.89	£ 912.89	£ -	-£ 324.23	£ 324.23	£ 45.00	-£ 45.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -

Classification	Unrestricted	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	
x	Central	Fundraising	100 Club	Fenn	Stow	Birketts	Edwins	Hyde	Marsh	Tabrums	Total	
Payments												
Charitable Payments												
Rent												£ -
Water	£ 1,037.92											£ 1,037.92
Electricity	£ 692.00											£ 692.00
Insurance	£ 817.36											£ 817.36
Hut Maintenance	£ 507.62											£ 507.62
Fire safety	£ 91.20											£ 91.20
Fencing		£ 4,662.00										£ 4,662.00
Garage Deposit		£ 745.75										£ 745.75
Cladding		£ 3,170.00										£ 3,170.00
Uniforms												£ -
OSM Subscription costs	£ 294.19											£ 294.19
Go Cardless Fees (subscriptions)	£ 41.20											£ 41.20
Go Cardless Fees (100 club)	£ 9.11											£ 9.11
Bank Fees	£ 69.00											£ 69.00
Container removal		£ 420.00										£ 420.00
Covid unit support	£ 155.78											£ 155.78
New Equipment												£ -
Equipment (and equipment maintenance)												£ -
Sundries / General Resources	£ 456.56					£ 12.10						£ 468.66
Meeting Resources				£ 49.70	£ 693.89	£ 207.62	£ 1.00	£ 47.63				£ 999.84
Scarfs and badges				£ 30.00		£ 54.87						£ 84.87
Event Refund							£ 5.00					£ 5.00
Sub Total	£ 4,171.94	£ 8,997.75	£ -	£ 79.70	£ 693.89	£ 274.59	£ 6.00	£ 47.63	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 14,271.50
Activity Expenses												
Camp												£ -
Hike												£ -
Other outings / events												£ -
Sub Total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Fundraising Expenses												
100 Club (prizes)		£ 461.00										£ 461.00
Sub Total	£ -	£ 461.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 461.00
Total payments	£ 4,171.94	£ 9,458.75	£ -	£ 79.70	£ 693.89	£ 274.59	£ 6.00	£ 47.63	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 14,732.50
Net receipts including transfers	£ 15,631.13	£ 2,274.23	£ -	-£ 403.93	-£ 369.66	£ 85.41	-£ 6.00	-£ 37.63	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 17,173.55

Classification	Unrestricted	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	Allocated	
x	Central	Fundraising	100 Club	Fenn	Stow	Birketts	Edwins	Hyde	Marsh	Tabrums	Total	
Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year												
Cash funds last year end												
Total	£ 14,439.43	£ 15,506.51	£ -	£ 908.08	£ 891.78	£ 393.70	£ 412.45	£ 523.85	£ 797.23	£ 261.09	£ 34,134.12	
Bank Accounts this end												
Other Accounts												
Sub Total	£ 30,070.56	£ 17,780.74	£ -	£ 504.15	£ 522.12	£ 479.11	£ 412.45	£ 486.22	£ 797.23	£ 261.09	£ 51,313.67	
Other monetary assets												
Debts/Claims/Cash												£ -
Sub Total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Investment assets												£ -
Property/investments												
Sub Total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Liabilities												
Payments pending								£ 6.00				
Sub Total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 6.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 6.00
Net worth (excluding non-monetary assets)	£ 30,070.56	£ 17,780.74	£ -	£ 504.15	£ 522.12	£ 479.11	£ 406.45	£ 486.22	£ 797.23	£ 261.09	£ 51,307.67	
Non monetary assets for charity's own use												
Stock/equipment	£ 5,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ 200.00	£ 150.00	£ 400.00	£ 400.00	£ 200.00	£ 200.00	£ 400.00	£ 6,950.00	