

# ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

Charity Registration Number

300436



## REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2022

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### Chair's Report – Maria Wishart

As the pandemic continued during 2021, our leaders carried on delivering top quality Scouting, adapting to the circumstances and ensuring that our young people had the opportunity to interact with others and to continue their Scouting journey. Once more, then, on behalf of our young people and their parents, guardians and carers, I want to thank our dedicated and passionate leaders for all that they did to keep Scouting going in these extremely difficult circumstances. They delivered in very challenging circumstances, often switching between virtual and face-to-face meetings at short notice, and continually responding to the ever-changing legal requirements and guidance. We owe a special debt of gratitude to Ruth Marienfeld our Group Scout Leader who worked tirelessly with the leadership team to develop these programmes, and to ensure that all requirements were met. Thank you also to the people worked behind the scenes on the committee to ensure that our group remained financially stable, and complied with all the necessary regulations, during these difficult times.

As ever, if anyone out there would like to get involved in our group, as a leader, helper or behind-the-scenes member, please do get in touch. This is your chance to step forward, to give something back, and to help ensure that Aspley Guise Scout Group continues to thrive. What are you waiting for?

Maria Wishart

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Beaver Leader's Report



Our Beavers have had a fantastic, fun-filled year!

In the Summer Term we returned to face-to-face scouting and were able to take part in some St George's Day celebrations and socially distanced outdoor activities. We enjoyed working towards our Navigator and Campcraft badges through a mixture of at home activities and Beavers sessions that included tent pitching, knot practice, outdoor cooking and hiking. In the Autumn term we welcomed some new Beavers and got our blood pumping and hearts racing as we completed our Health and Fitness badge. We had our very own Sport Day, made lots of yummy, healthy snacks and completed a messy experiment all about our teeth. We also worked on our Money Skills badge and even set up our own shops to trade toys with each other! Lots of Beavers attended our Pirate themed sleepovers this term, which were a huge success.

In the Spring Term our themes were Dinosaurs and Space. We donned our white coats and goggles and had a messy Science night (which included making space food!). We also had lots of fun outdoors learning about the night's sky. At our Spring sleepovers the Beavers had lots of fun completing a dino ranger trail before their fish and chip supper and nighttime film (they even managed to get some sleep!).

We were fortunate enough to be able to enjoy a number external visits throughout the year. These included a trip to Climbquest, the Safety Centre and a visit from the Reptiles Roadshow.

Quite a few of our Beavers have achieved their Chief Scout's Bronze Award this year. We are very proud of them and want to congratulate them on their achievement.

A huge thank you to the whole team: Moema (Phaona), Chantelle (Iki), Jenny (Sahi), Bob (Won-tolla), David (Kaa) and our Young Leaders.

**Victoria Rolton (Nushka)**

Want to help this amazing team more? What do you enjoy doing? How much time do you want to give? We're on the lookout for people to complete a variety of tasks. We're flexible and will manage to find something for everyone, no matter what time or skills you have!

Contact [join@aspleyguisescouts.org.uk](mailto:join@aspleyguisescouts.org.uk)

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## Cub Leader's report

Summer Term 2021 saw interesting times! We were given the green light to return to face-to-face Scouting but with additional Covid measures in place. The Cubs section ran alternating weekly sessions of meetings and newsletters with at-home tasks. Working with a maximum of 15 Cubs per group, Leaders doubling up across Tuesday and Thursday and no sharing of equipment was certainly a challenge but with some brilliant teamwork and the help of our new Leader, Georgia, we managed frisbee golf, fire lighting, hiking, and making mini ballistas. We even did some backwoods cooking using metal colanders as individual fire bowls.

Over the summer holiday many of the Cubs and Leaders attended the activity days at Phasels Wood, organised by Ruth, where the campfire singing was inexplicably voted the favourite activity.

Autumn Term saw a very welcome return to (almost) normal although we tried to stay outside as much as possible. In November we held our first post-Covid residential at the Leslie Sell Campsite in Bromham, easing everyone back in with small groups staying either Friday or Saturday night. As Covid numbers started to climb again, we even held our world-famous Christmas Party outdoors.

We stayed outside throughout January before venturing indoors for shadow puppets, 3D mapping and a trip to Hollywood Bowl. The Cubs turned their attention to World Scouting including cooking, dancing, and activities to celebrate Lunar New Year. A weekend residential was held at Phasels Wood campsite in March, again with groups staying for one night.

In all, the year has been challenging but very rewarding; Leaders and Cubs have worked together to complete as full a programme as possible. We also thank parents for their help, flexibility and understanding.

**Anne, Claire, Catherine, Georgia, Rachel, Sam, Sharon**

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# SCOUTS

With the implementation of Red, Amber and Green Covid restrictions, the troop operated a hybrid model of face-to-face meetings with smaller groups and online activities for the first part of the year. Once Covid restrictions were lifted, we returned to full Scouting, with two troops meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays. Traditional scouting skills, such as pioneering, campfire cooking and map reading have been complemented by some new experiences.

As ever food has always been popular, with the Scouts Learning new cuisines through street food and vegan cooking evenings as well as our usual Pancake, Burns Nights and patrol cooking competition. We have been out and about in our community, with treasure hunts to learn the history of Woburn Sands, nature trails in Milton Keynes, litter picking around Kingston, and recording the location and status of street lighting in Aspley Guise. The ability to run overnight camps was curtailed, but we managed to conduct a Japanese Christmas-themed residential weekend in December, a bushcraft day and a backpacking expedition for the older Scouts.

A big thank you to the leaders who delivered the varied programme over the year. In addition, the parent helpers who provide much-needed adult support during some activities are invaluable, and without this support many activities would not be possible.

**Pete Jones**

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# EXPLORERS

An exciting year of activities for the Aurora Explorer Scout Unit including a wide range of activities, all of which were planned by the Explorers themselves.

In 2021 we successfully completed the Air activities badge with the key highlight being cooking a three-course "in-flight" meal for £5 that fitted on a sheet of A4. Tasty and economic.

'Smores and campfires at the hut have become a termly favourite and a great way to reflect on past activities whilst planning ahead. Cooking and food in general have been popular themes with our Biscuit World Cup (Custard Creams!), Bake Off (Gordon Ramsay's Shortbread?), International cooking evening, Pancakes, scavenger hunt with chips, Soda Bread, and more biscuits.

Night hikes have been broadly successful, but often slower than anticipated due to finding stuff to investigate and discussions to be had along the way. Our biggest hike was a night-long hike planned and led by Ruth, starting at Albert Bridge on the Thames at 10pm and following the river downstream to finish at the Dome, cable car over the river and then an amazing hotel buffet breakfast. Some sleep was had in the park by the Cutty Sark at 4am. An fantastic overnight experience, with investitures on Tower Bridge included.

Our first Explorer Camp was held in August at a great campsite, Gradbach, in the Peak District. Claire kindly assisted as the permit holder and was amazed by the wonderful bunch of people who thoroughly looked after her and each other. Kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding provided great opportunities for games and generally dunking each other. A free drop abseil over the River Wye from the Monsal Trail was a real challenge for many, but all rose to the occasion. A long final day hike included paying our respects to Ruth at Lud's Church, eating overpriced ice cream, and watching climbers at the Roaches. Feedback was very positive, only thing really missing was a campfire – duly noted.

Other highlights include a balloon debate where individuals argued for their worthiness to be kept in a sinking hot air balloon, indoor sky diving (a real challenge or many), supermarket A to Z, water fights, signing for the deaf, disability awareness, lots of wide games, Art Scavenger hunt in Campbell Park, MK Monopoly run, AquaPark, Ice Hockey and more.

Looking forwards we have more exciting plans including both a Winter and a Summer Camp and more biscuits.

**Dan Connall**

# **ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP**

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

**Year Ended 31st March 2022**

### **Charitable objectives**

The Group's charitable objective is the development of young people by helping them to achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities, by producing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training guided by the adult leadership.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities in preparing the annual report and financial statements.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scout Association Group. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. The Trustees meet as a Board on a periodic basis to review the strategy and performance of the Group and to set operating plans and budgets. Day-to-day control is delegated to the leaders of the various scouting sections under the direction of the Group Scout Leader.

### **Risk and Internal Control**

The Trustees have considered and put in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material misstatement or loss and include:

- A strategic plan and a operating budget approved by the Trustees
- Regular consideration by the Trustees of financial results, comparison with budgets and non-financial performance indicators
- Delegation of authority and segregation of duties
- Identification and management of risks

Safety and assessing risk is an integral part of every activity we undertake, training for this commences as part of the leader appointment process, all adult leaders and helpers are required to undergo a Criminal Records Bureau check, and training continues on an ongoing basis.

If anyone requires a copy of the audited accounts they should approach the Chairman, Treasurer or Group Scout Leader.

This Report and Accounts were approved by the trustees on:  
For and on behalf of the Trustees

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### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31st March 2022

	General funds	Designated funds	<b>Total</b>	2021
Total Receipts for the year	36,618.67	32.02	<b>36,650.69</b>	24,613.66
Total Payments for the year	28,944.56	-	<b>28,944.56</b>	28,315.13
Net receipts / (payments)	7,674.11	32.02	<b>7,706.13</b>	3,701.47
Transfers between funds	6,952.00	(6,952.00)	-	-
Net assets at 31 March 2021	14,626.11	(6,919.98)	<b>7,706.13</b>	3,701.47
	225,907.20	322,458.80	<b>548,366.00</b>	552,067.47
Net assets at 31 March 2022	240,533.31	315,538.82	<b>556,072.13</b>	548,366.00
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## ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

### RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st March 2022

	General funds	Designated funds	Total	2021
<b>MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>	19,373.72		<b>19,373.72</b>	14,450.24
<b>SALE OF ASSET</b>				
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED</b>				
Bank interest	2.23	32.02	<b>34.25</b>	139.91
Scout Association Investment interest	-		-	-
Dividends	-		-	-
Property rents	-		-	-
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	2.23	32.02	<b>34.25</b>	139.91
<b>DONATIONS AND GRANTS</b>	8,000.00	-	<b>8,000.00</b>	10,000.00
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	5,885.06		<b>5,885.06</b>	2,355.94
<b>FUND RAISING</b>	765.59		<b>765.59</b>	309.13
<b>SALE OF LAND</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	-		-	183.60
Income tax recovered:				
on subscriptions	- 75.70	-	<b>75.70</b>	-
on dividends and interest	-		-	-
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	- 75.70	-	<b>75.70</b>	183.60
<b>SUNDRY RECEIPTS</b>				
Uniform sales	2,667.77		<b>2,667.77</b>	1,886.72
Badge receipts	-		-	-
Other	-		-	-
Loan receipts	-		-	-
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	2,667.77	-	<b>2,667.77</b>	1,886.72
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<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	36,618.67	32.02	<b>36,650.69</b>	24,613.66
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**ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP****PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED****31st March 2022**

	General funds	Designated funds	Total	2021
<b>PREMISES</b>				
Rent	390.00		<b>390.00</b>	135.00
Cleaning	435.00		<b>435.00</b>	-
Light and heat	217.46		<b>217.46</b>	2,223.00
Insurance	2,373.91		<b>2,373.91</b>	1,883.00
Repairs and renewals	2,343.83	-	<b>2,343.83</b>	11,273.62
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	5,760.20	-	<b>5,760.20</b>	15,514.62
<b>DONATIONS AND GRANTS</b>				
Beds County Scouts	-		-	-
Explorer scouts	-		-	-
Other	601.30		<b>601.30</b>	872.58
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	601.30	-	601.30	872.58
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	11,621.62		<b>11,621.62</b>	3,779.07
<b>Trips</b>	-		-	-
<b>FUND RAISING EXPENSES</b>	-		-	-
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>				
AGM expenses	-		-	-
Capitation	5,310.00		<b>5,310.00</b>	5,110.00
Leader training	-		-	-
Postage and stationery	-		-	-
Website	-		-	147.00
Uniforms and Badges	1,936.56		<b>1,936.56</b>	2,093.41
Other	3,239.28		<b>3,239.28</b>	318.45
Capital equipment purchases	-		-	-
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	10,485.84	-	<b>10,485.84</b>	7,668.86
<b>TRUSTEES EXPENSES</b>				
Other expenses (Compensation)	25.60		<b>25.60</b>	-
Legal and professional expenses	-		-	-
Audit & Accountancy	450.00		<b>450.00</b>	480.00
Bank charges	-		-	-
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	475.60	-	<b>475.60</b>	480.00

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**PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED - CONTINUED**

**31st March 2022**

	General funds	Designated funds	<b>Total</b>	2021
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>				
Purchases of badges & uniforms	-		-	-
Unpresented cheques	-		-	-
Sundry payments	-		-	-
Suspense items	-		-	-
Bad debts	-		-	-
Loan repayment			-	-
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<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	28,944.56	-	28,944.56	28,315.13
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## ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP

### BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st March 2022

	General funds	Designated funds	Total	2021
<b>MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Natwest current account	19,832.57		<b>19,832.57</b>	12,566.03
Lloyds current account	-	-	-	-
Natwest deposit account	22,547.76	-	<b>22,547.76</b>	22,545.53
Natwest deposit account 1	4,673.00	315,538.82	<b>320,211.82</b>	320,179.80
Natwest deposit account 2	19.86	-	<b>19.86</b>	19.86
Paypal account	18.53	-	<b>18.53</b>	0.02
Petty cash	-	-	-	-
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	47,091.72	315,538.82	<b>362,630.54</b>	355,311.24
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<b>NON-MONETARY ASSETS</b>				
Badge Secretary's stocks	-	-	-	-
Group Shop stocks	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	192,500.00	-	<b>192,500.00</b>	192,500.00
Scout equipment	1,921.54	-	<b>1,921.54</b>	1,921.54
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	194,421.54	-	<b>194,421.54</b>	194,421.54
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	241,513.26	315,538.82	<b>557,052.08</b>	549,732.78
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<b>LIABILITIES due within one year</b>				
Creditors	-	-	-	-
Accruals	980.17	-	<b>980.17</b>	261.75
Other	-	-	-	1,105.25
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	980.17	-	<b>980.17</b>	1,367.00
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<b>LIABILITIES payable after one year</b>				
Loans	-	-	-	-
Other long term liabilities	-	-	-	-
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>	240,533.09	315,538.82	<b>556,071.91</b>	548,365.78
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Signed on behalf of the committee or trustees.

Treasurer

## **ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP**

Notes on the accounts

### **Note 1: Basis of Preparation**

#### 1.1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
- and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

### **Note 2: Accounting Policies**

#### 2.1 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been designated for a purpose but which can be repurposed by the Trustees. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the Trust's work.

#### 2. Designated Fund reserve

This Fund arose in 2018 when the Group sold land from a bequest from the Marquess of Bedford, who died in 2003. The Bequest was not restricted, the group committee are deciding how to designate the funds.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**Year Ended 31st March 2022**

I report to the trustees of the Aspley Guise and Woburn Sands (6th Ampthill) Scout Group on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2022 as set on on pages 8 to 13

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
- the 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.

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