

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

Charity Registration Number

300436



REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2023

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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2023 TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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

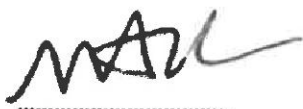
The Trustees have considered and put in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material misstatement or loss and include:

- A strategic plan and a operating budget approved by the Trustees
- Regular consideration by the Trustees of financial results, comparison with budgets and nonfinancial 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: 19 September 2023
For and on behalf of the Trustees



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Maria Wishart

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Chair's report 2022-23

This year saw a sustained return to face-to-face scouting after the disruption of the previous two years, and our team of leaders demonstrated their usual passion and commitment in delivering outstanding Scouting for our young people. On behalf of all our members and their parents, guardians and carers, I want to thank the leaders for the energy and dedication they brought to the group this year. Thank you also to the many people who worked behind the scenes to support the leaders in delivering their ambitious programmes, including our executive committee who manage the finances of the group to the exacting standards of the Charities Commission, and maintain the Scout Centre and grounds. Without these volunteers, the group could not succeed, and we really do appreciate all that they do.

In July 2022, we were deeply saddened to report the untimely death of Ruth Marienfeld. Ruth had recently relinquished her position as Group Scout leader, a role to which she brought unparalleled commitment and energy over many years. We are profoundly grateful to Ruth for everything she did for Aspley Guise Scout Group.

During the year 2022 to 23, the executive committee continued to work on plans to develop the Scout Centre in Spinney Lane, and were successful in securing planning permission for the building phase. We will continue to drive forward this project, to ensure that our facilities are fit for purpose long into the future.

As always, 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. We would love to hear from you!

Maria Wishart

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Group Scout Leader Report 2022-23

I am currently the Acting group scout leader for the group as I previously worked for the district team. When a group scout leader leaves, a member of the district team will stand in to assist the group to keep running. This is only a temporary position whilst as replacement is found.

I would like to thank the leadership team of all sections for the tireless work that they perform to plan and run an interesting and exciting programme for the young people. Also, for the time that they give not only during the week for regular meetings but for the weekend residential experiences.

I would like to thank the parents for their support for the group, especially those that volunteer as occasional helpers.

I would like to thank the current executive committee for their work taking care of the property and finances of the group.

The group has a full committee, strong leadership teams and 125 young people with the January 2023 census showing a 4% increase in membership.

Although each section has their team of leaders, the group often work together to stage group events. This year the group leadership team organised the St Georges celebrations and presentation to the previous GSL. They had joint venues for cub and scout camps and residentials, and shared Nights Away permit holders so the Beavers could enjoy a sleepover event. The whole group went climbing throughout a week in March and they have started an annual Leader Activity Morning to encourage friendship, fun and exchanges of ideas for the growth of the group.

We are delighted that 4 young people have been chosen to go to the Korean Jamboree later this year and their fundraising events have been well thought through and supported by the membership. This is one of the highest events that members of the group can take part in and the experiences will remain with them long after the event.

The leaders are actively seeking to recruit a GSL and in the process have found a number of leaders, and a woodland crew member for the county camp site.

I would like to encourage anyone who is considering volunteering to join the group to talk to one of the leaders, it is a very friendly group and very supportive. Scouting can be flexible and roles can be shared.

With your help we will continue to grow and be able to offer the fun programme to all.

Kevin

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Beavers Section Report 2022-2023



Our Beavers have had another great year of fun packed activities.
Here is a summary per term:

1. Summer term – 2022

In the Summer Term we were able to take part in the Promise Renewal celebrations at Milton Bryan where the beavers had the opportunity to say farewell to Ruth Marienfeld as she was stepping down as GSL, and the new leaders officially took over. 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. We also enjoyed some activities related to the Jubilee with the whole group together again at Milton Bryan.

2. Autumn term – 2022

In the Autumn term we welcomed some new Beavers and had a blast working on our Community Impact and Global issues badges with litter picking, a visit to Woburn Fire Station and some fairtrade cooking. The beavers had a go at sessions about endangered animals and made their own bug hotels. We also made water filters, learned about first aid, and closed it all with our joint International Christmas Party, with some of the beavers being awarded their Bronze Awards.

3. Spring term -2023

In the Spring Term we concentrated on the new Disability Awareness, Cook and Health & Fitness Badges. The beavers had fun cooking pizza, making fairtrade chocolate with a professional chocolatier, received a visit from the Guide Dogs and talked about inclusivity and diversity on our Black British History session. The whole group went to Climb Quest and even managed a yoga session! We managed to offer a sleepover this term too, with the air activities badge as a theme.

We were particularly keen to accommodate the special needs of some of the beavers making sure we have an inclusive group. We were successful to welcome a few girls to the colonies too and they seem to be enjoying a lot.

The current leadership has shown great organizational skills as a first year planning all the sessions and getting familiar with OSM which has been a massive achievement to the Beavers colonies. I am proud to say we are getting the hang of it and could not have done that without the support of our dedicated team, especially Claire and Catherine.

Beaver Leaders

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Cub Section Report 2022-2023



Milton Bryan was our venue for the Groups St Georges Day celebrations to renew our Promises and to thank our retiring GSL, Ruth Marienfeld for the inspiration she has given us during the last 15 years. She went on to become the District Commissioner for Southern Europe SO. Amongst the flags, tiki lamps and campfire songs, Ruth was presented with some well-chosen gifts and some hearty cheering.

Our summer venue is the great outdoors, where we hiked, built shelters, and cooked on embers. We tried lawn bowls and athletics – cub style - and thought about how to integrate our activities with the Disability awareness badge.

Our Camps and residential this year were at Jordans, Gt Barford, the Sir John Lowther at Kettering and, a new site for us, Overstone in Northampton where we experienced Grass sledging, Frisbee golf and Bus Caving. Weekends away are a great opportunity to try new skills and make good friends thanks to the commitment from our scouting families and Leaders.

The Autumn term was a mixture of pioneering challenges, communication, international festivals, and emergency aid. We tried Obangsaek Art from Korea, talked about Personal Safety, and had a good night out at Mr Mulligans Crazy Golf. The term finished with a joint party for both packs.

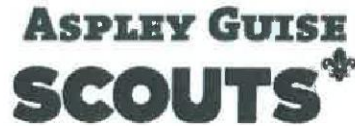
We started Spring term with a talk with the Parents about our Behavioural Policy for Adults and the cubs followed that with their revised Code of conduct. Our Young Leaders ran a problem-solving night with Raksha, and Chil came with some very messy science experiments, which we all loved of course! We were looking to the skies for our Astronomy work and went even higher at Climbquest where we were able to invest our new cubs on the towering walls. Many congratulations to Baloo for earning her Wood Badge.

The Cub Leadership Team continue to do their best, and we welcomed Chris (Rama), and Victoria (Hathi) to the team and Kevin, our temporary GSL. I thank Rachel (Baloo), Anne (Bagheera), Sharon (Dahinda), Georgia (Raksha) & Sam (Mang) for their work and inspiration and particularly Catherine (Ko), for her guidance and support as we navigated our way following the crushing news of Ruth's death. We move forwards continuing in the scouting spirit of resilience, fun and adventure.

Claire Tobin, Akela

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Scout Section report 2022-23



The Scouts continue to have enough young people to warrant two full troops meeting weekly on separate evenings. We run a joint programme focussing on traditional scouting skills, such as map reading, first aid, pioneering, and camp cooking, and new experiences via badge work.

During this period, we have completed activities towards the Naturalist badge, with a popular evening of live owls in the hut and building bird boxes, and the Cyclist badge, which included bike maintenance, a bike rodeo and an off-road expedition around Cranfield and Marston Moretaine. The Scouts have learned about other cultures, making traditional decorations for the Chinese New Year and learning about the countries in the Football World Cup.

Overnight adventures are a key part of the programme. We held two camps, both under canvas with the Scouts cooking for themselves. A summer camp at Great Barford and a winter camp at The Lowther Activity Centre in Kettering. In addition, the older Scouts had a self-supported overnight backpacking expedition across the Dunstable Downs and Chiltern Hills.

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.

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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 31st March 2023

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total £	2022 £
Total Receipts for the year	33,020.60	1,408.42	34,429.02	36,650.69
Total Payments for the year	34,685.36	-	34,685.36	28,944.56
Net receipts / (payments)	(1,664.76)	1,408.42	(256.34)	7,706.13
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
	(1,664.76)	1,408.42	(256.34)	7,706.13
Net assets at 31 March 2022	240,513.45	315,538.68	556,072.13	548,366.00
Net assets at 31 March 2023	238,848.69	316,967.10	555,815.79	556,072.13

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RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED for the year ended 31st March 2023

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total £	2022 £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	21,834.59		21,834.59	19,373.12
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED				
Bank interest	602.29	1,408.42	2,010.71	34.25
Scout Association Investment interest	-	-	-	-
Dividends	-	-	-	-
Property rents	663.00	-	663.00	-
	1,265.29	1,408.42	2,673.71	34.25
DONATIONS AND GRANTS	-	-	-	8,000.00
ACTIVITIES & TRIPS	8,143.53	-	8,143.53	5,885.06
FUND RAISING	-	-	-	765.59
OTHER INCOME	-	-	-	-
Income tax recovered:	-	-	-	-
on subscriptions	-	-	-	75.70
on dividends and interest	-	-	-	-
				75.70
SUNDRY RECEIPTS				
Uniform sales	1,777.19	-	1,777.19	2,667.77
Badge receipts	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Loan receipts	-	-	-	-
	1,777.19	-	1,777.19	2,667.77
TOTAL RECEIPTS	33,020.60	1,408.42	34,429.02	36,650.69

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ASPLEY GUISE AND WOBURN SANDS (6TH AMPHILL) SCOUT GROUP PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2023

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Total	2022
PREMISES				
Rent	350.00	-	350.00	390.00
Rates	-	-	-	-
Light and heat	4,922.24	-	4,922.24	217.46
Insurance	2,445.40	-	2,445.40	2,373.91
Repairs and renewals	1,419.87	-	1,419.87	2,343.83
Building costs & Cleaning	1,802.00	-	1,802.00	435.00
	10,939.51	-	10,939.51	5,760.20
DONATIONS AND GRANTS				
Other	529.45	-	529.45	601.30
	529.45	-	529.45	601.30
ACTIVITIES	12,603.52	-	12,603.52	11,621.62
FUND RAISING EXPENSES				
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES				
Capitation	5,781.00	-	5,781.00	5,310.00
Uniforms	4,005.30	-	4,005.30	1,936.56
Other	335.55	-	335.55	3,239.28
	10,121.85	-	10,121.85	10,485.84
TRUSTEES EXPENSES				
Other expenses (Compensation)	-	-	-	25.60
Legal and professional expenses	-	-	-	-
Audit & Accountancy	491.03	-	491.03	450.00
Bank charges	-	-	-	-
	491.03	-	491.03	475.60
OTHER EXPENSES				
Purchases of badges & uniforms	-	-	-	-
Unpresented cheques	-	-	-	-
Sundry payments	-	-	-	-
Suspense items	-	-	-	-
Bad debts	-	-	-	-
Loan repayment	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	34,685.36	-	34,685.36	8,944.56

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st March 2023

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Total	2022
MONETARY ASSETS				
NatWest current account	5,660.54	-	5,660.54	19,832.57
Lloyds current account	-	-	-	-
NatWest reserve account	23,149.96	-	23,149.96	22,547.76
NatWest deposit account 1	4,673.09	316,947.15	321,620.24	320,211.82
NatWest deposit account 2	-	19.95	19.95	19.86
PayPal account	7,316.64	-	7,316.64	18.53
Petty cash	-	-	-	-
	40,800.23	316,967.10	357,767.33	362,630.54
NON-MONETARY ASSETS				
Land and buildings	400,000.00	-	400,000.00	192,500.00
Refurbishment Cost	4,346.92	-	4,346.92	-
Scout equipment	1,921.54	-	1,921.54	1921.54
Accumulated Depreciation on Scout equipment	- 192.00	-	192.00	-
	406,076.46	-	406,076.46	194,421.54
TOTAL ASSETS	446,876.69	316,967.10	763,843.79	557,052.08
LIABILITIES due within one year				
Accruals	528.00	-	528.00	980.17
	528.00	-	528.00	980.17
LIABILITIES payable after one year				
Loans	-	-	-	-
other long-term Liabilities	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
RESERVES				
Revaluation Reserve	207,500.00	-	207,500.00	-
	207,500.00	-	207,500.00	-
NET ASSETS	238,848.69	316,967.10	555,815.79	556,071.91

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NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31st March 2023

Note 1: Accounting policies.

Basis of Preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Scout equipment

Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis over 10 years.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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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NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31st March 2023

Note 3: Fixed Assets

	Buildings	Scout equipment	Improvements to property	Total
<u>Cost</u>				
Balance b/fwd	192,500.00	1,921.54		194,421.54
Additions			4,346.92	4,346.92
Revaluations	207,500.00			207,500.00
Balance c/fwd	<u>400,000.00</u>	<u>1,921.54</u>	<u>4,346.70</u>	<u>406,268.46</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>				
Balance b/fwd	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	192.00	-	192.00
Balance c/fwd	<u>-</u>	<u>192.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>192.00</u>
Net assets @ 31/03/23	<u>400,000.00</u>	<u>1,729.54</u>	<u>4,346.70</u>	<u>406,076.46</u>
Net assets @ 31/03/22	<u>192,500.00</u>	<u>1,921.54</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>194,421.54</u>

Note 4: Trustees remuneration and benefits.

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Year Ended 31st March 2023

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 2023 as set on pages 8 to 13 of this report.

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").

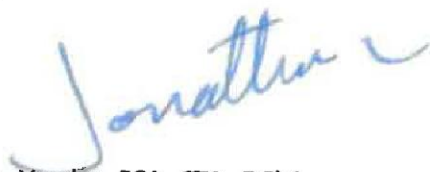
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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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