

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

Charity Registration Number

300436



REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2025

Trustees

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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 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:

Safety and assessing risk are 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

Nicola Bethell

Nicola Bethell (Jan 16, 2026 13:01:09 GMT)

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Chair's introduction 2024-25

As always, I extend my sincere thanks to Claire Tobin, our Lead Volunteer, and to every member of the Aspley Guise Scout Group leadership team for their continued dedication to the provision of outstanding experiences for our young people. Thanks to their tireless efforts and willingness to give up their time for free, our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers have continued to have many opportunities to develop and hone a wide range of skills, and to make memories that will last a lifetime. Thanks also to the Trustee Board, also volunteers, who have again ensured that our facilities are well maintained and that we comply with all financial and regulatory requirements. I also want to express my gratitude to the many other people who worked behind the scenes this year to support the leaders in delivering their impressive programmes. Without all these volunteers, the group could not succeed, and we really do appreciate all that they do.

As I mentioned at the last AGM, Trustee Board members are now limited in the time they can serve as trustees. So now, more than ever, we need to identify the volunteers that will replace us in the future. Please give some thought to offering your services to the group as a Trustee Board member. Even the smallest contribution of time will be valuable, and you will be helping to assure the security and long-term future of this vibrant group. I can be contacted via the email address below if you have any questions.

Maria Wishart

chair@aspleyguisescouts.org.uk

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Group Scout Leader Report 2024-25

My first full year as Group Lead Volunteer is also the first year of our new titles and a new database learning system. Scout meetings continue in the normal way and behind the scenes managers are buried into their laptops trying to understand the new ways of processing DBS's, delivering training and support. I know it will be better soon....

Our Membership numbers increased slightly this year with our annual census showing 136 plus a growing Explorer Unit of @ 30 members. We have welcomed new leaders to our team and our trustee board. Our Leaders continue to embrace their training and this year Lance, Simon B, Simon C and Andy finished their wood badge training through the old system, and with a few new modules to complete online, will be fully wood badged this term.

The groups are active in the community and we continue to support the Shoe Aid charity supplying footwear to people in need in the UK. All our sections enjoy camping and residentials, thanks to the dedication of our leadership team who deliver exciting, progressive experiences for our Young People. I think the word is out that Scouting is challenging and fun, as we have regular enquiries from potential new members at Scout & Explorer levels. There has been talk of difficult behaviour in schools and we do see a change in levels of respect from our members. The discussions in their Scout Forums of scout values and expectations of themselves and our leaders generally improves behaviour and morale.

At the AGM Davinia, Dan and I were presented with certificates for our roles or in Davinia's case 15 years of volunteering. We also said a sad Farewell to Catherine who has been a Trustee, Leader and Akela over a period of 10 years. Catherine steps down from these roles but continues to assist with administration of the group. The Cub Section moves forward with Rachel as its Leader and an enthusiastic team to support her.

We are progressing with improvements to the Scout Hut. This is very exciting and we will ensure that the safety of our members and parents is paramount whilst work is being done.

We are delighted to have a full team of Trustees led by Maria Wishart, twenty leaders and some very helpful parents to support us. Our remit is to develop young people into better citizens through teamwork, challenges, fun and adventure; I thank every one of those volunteers who make this scouting achievement possible.

Claire Tobin GLV

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Beavers Section Report 2024-25

Our Beavers have had another great year of fun packed activities. During the summer the Beavers worked on Explore, Hiking, Campcraft, Navigator and Gardening Badges. The Tuesday Beavers completed outdoor activities; planting sunflowers, upcycling CDs into suncatchers, a local heritage trail, a litter pick, fire lighting and cooking outside.

The Friday Beavers had den building and water filter building session with the Parks Trust, built bug hotels, planted herb tubs, learnt how to pitch tents and make s'mores, visited a local farm to learn all about the crops they grew.

A group of Tuesday Beavers had a fantastic experience camping alongside the Cubs and leaders at Jordan's Campsite, joining in with Archery and campfire singing.

In the Autumn Term we worked on the Global Issues, Community Impact, Animal Friend and Cook badges. The Tuesday Beavers took part in a 'night walk' and visited Climbquest. They made chocolate treats, learnt about kitchen safety and sang around a campfire scoffing fairtrade chocolate bananas – lucky them! One of the highlights of the term was a hike around the former Wavendon Golf Course where the Beavers learnt about the importance of local issues and conservation.

The Friday Beavers enjoyed yummy cooking (including pizza making!), attended a Pets At Home and Animal Edge session with chickens, rabbits and guinea pigs. They learnt about recycling, endangered animals and the importance of water conservation – with some hands-on water experiments! We also had a brilliant visit from the Bedfordshire Police Team.

We had a successful sleepover at the hut attended by 18 Beavers who took part in the 'movie themed' activities, sang around an indoor campfire, watched a film and then (we think) got some sleep! It was also a great opportunity for them to practice skills like washing up and making their beds – which is always appreciated by the parents!

At our Christmas celebrations we handed out awards and our 'Community nights' which were very rewarding and lots of fun.

In the Spring Term we concentrated on Experiments and Communicator Badges. The Tuesday Beavers also worked on their Disability Awareness badge.

The Tuesday Beavers joined in a District Games Night, went on a Peace Pagoda trail hike at Willen Lake, code cracking, braille session, pioneering, made edible knots and enjoyed Chinese New Year. They also had a fun visit to Broughton Fire Station.

The Friday Beavers went on a trip to the Woburn Fire Station, had a visit from the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association (where we learnt about guide dog training, and did some braille code writing). We loved the amazing messy experiments, including some with 'fizzy raisins', egg enamel, magic milk, pepper and soap, lemon juice code writing, refraction and chromatography. Please ask Nushka for details if the Beavers want to do them again at home!!

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Both groups also had great show and tell sessions – the leaders were impressed with how confident and enthusiastic the Beavers were and how much they wanted to share their stories and experiences with each other.

We welcomed James and Lauren to our leadership team and thank everyone who helped to make this another fantastic year (including all the parent helpers!) - It really is very much appreciated.

The Tuesday and Friday Beaver Leaders

(Not to mention our fantastic Young Leaders too!!)

Moema Pimentel and Victoria Rolton

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Cub Section Report 2024-25

We started the summer term with the whole group coming together to celebrate our Patron Saint, St George, in the gardens of St Marys Church. Flags, Songs, Skits, Tiki lamps and Hotdogs set the scene. Then we were off into the summer season of outdoor adventure with hikes, bat walks, shelter building, crazy golf and swimming.

We welcomed the cubs for a stay at our summer camp at Gt Barford, had a sunny weekend in Oct at The Lodge, Bromham and our Spring residential at Phasels Wood, Hemel, included archery, team building and rattling down the Cresta run.

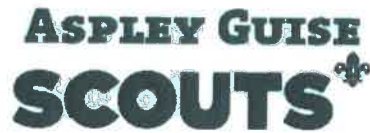
Activities continued into Autumn & Spring terms with Ten Pin Bowling, Climbquest and dancing – part of our international badge. Smoothies, games and some messy nights as we completed our science badge with Chil. DIY night resulted in window boxes which planted sssup for a local charity. The Cub Forums have continued to focus the Cubs on how their behaviour affects others and helps with leadership skills when planning their own cub nights.

Regular attendance and their enthusiasm to earn Activity and Challenge Badges leads to the Chief Scout Silver Award. This is a great achievement and shows a cub willing to participate and face every challenge that we offer. We are pleased that so many of our Cubs move up to scouts with this award.

Many thanks to our parents who have offered enthusiastic support this year; it makes a real difference. We said a sad Fairwell to our Akela, Catherine Ellis, at Christmas but we do have a fantastic team of Georgia Williams, Anne Papworth, Sharon Smith, Victoria Watts, Graham Carroll, and Chris Miller, who put the fun into Scouting and keep us all laughing.

Rachel (Baloo)

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Scout Section Report 2024-25

The Scouts have had another action-packed year, with two full troops meeting weekly and running a joint programme filled with adventure, challenge, and skill development. We've continued to strike a balance between traditional Scouting skills and fresh, engaging activities that work towards badge requirements and personal growth.

Throughout the year, Scouts worked on badges including Survival, Navigator, Electronics, Fire Safety, DIY, Creative Challenge, and the World Challenge Award. This wide-ranging programme involved activities such as fire safety drills, open fire cooking, electronics projects, catapult building, incident hikes, wide games, and map reading. Scouts got hands-on with tools during DIY sessions, tested their creativity through sculpture and model-making, and engaged with global cultures and values during World Challenge activities.

The Scouts enjoyed several memorable outings and events. Highlights included a visit to MK Stadium, a swim party at Woburn Lido, a night hike through the local countryside, and an exciting watersports session in Bedford. Our St. George's Day celebration brought the whole section together, and termly cooking competitions were as fun (and messy) as ever.

Camping remained a core part of the programme. We ran a summer survival weekend at Bromham, giving Scouts a chance to build shelters, cook outdoors, and put their survival skills to the test. In the autumn, many Scouts attended the Halloween-themed Gilwell Scarefest camp, and the older Scouts took part in a two day backpacking expedition to complete their Expedition Challenge award.

As ever, none of this would be possible without the dedicated team of volunteer leaders who bring energy, creativity, and consistency to the programme each week. We also thank the parents who stepped in to help with transport, supervision, and support for trips and camps.

The 2024–2025 year has been full of laughter, learning, and leadership development. The Scouts have embraced every challenge and come away with new skills and lasting memories. We look forward to seeing what next year brings.

Peter Jones

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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL SUMMARY ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31st March 2025

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total £	2024 £
Total Receipts for the year	41,853.72	4,587.15	46,440.88	36,294.88
Total Payments for the year	29,694.61	-	29,949.61	34,094.63
Net receipts / (payments)	12,159.12	4,587.15	16,746.27	2,200.25
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Net assets at 31 March 2024	232,053.59	325,962.23	558,015.82	555,815.57
Net assets at 31 March 2025	244,212.71	330,549.38	574,762.09	558,015.82
RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2025				
	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total £	2023 £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	33,791.29		33,791.25	17,889.53
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED				
Bank interest	330.45	4,587.15	4,917.60	4,632.85
Scout Association Investment interest	-	-	-	-
Dividends	-	-	-	-
Property rents	785.40	-	785.40	673.20
	1,115.85	4,587.15	5,703	5,306.05
DONATIONS AND GRANTS	1500.00	-	1,500.00	-
ACTIVITIES & TRIPS	-	-	-	11,436.60
SUNDRY RECEIPTS				
Uniform sales	250.71	-	250.71	1,662.70
Badge receipts	-	-	-	-
Gift aid receipts	5,195.88	-	5,195.88	-
Loan receipts	-	-	-	-
	5,446.59		5,446.59	1,662.70
TOTAL RECEIPTS	41,853.73	4,587.15	46,440.88	36,294.88

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PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2025

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Total	2024
PREMISES				
Rent	509.00	-	509.00	394.00
Rates	-	-	-	-
Light and heat	2,689.69	-	2,689.69	4,931.26
Insurance	2,159.19	-	2,159.19	2,674.32
Repairs and renewals	442.80	-	442.80	627.36
Building costs & Cleaning	1,204.50	-	1,204.50	1,159.50
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	6,985.18	-	6,985.18	9,786.44
DONATIONS AND GRANTS				
Other	-	-	-	1,500.00
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	-	-	-	1,500.00
ACTIVITIES	12,658.08		14,819.68	14,819.68
FUND RAISING EXPENSES				
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES				
Capitation	7,723.00	-	7,723.00	6,703.50
Uniforms	1,073.15	-	1,073.15	402.43
Other	415.20	-	415.20	322.90
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	9,211.35		9,211.35	7,428.83
TRUSTEES EXPENSES				
Audit & Accountancy	840.00		840.00	559.68
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	840.00	-	840.00	559.68
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TOTAL PAYMENTS	29,694.61	-	29,694.41	34,094.63
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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st March 2025

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Total	2024
MONETARY ASSETS				
NatWest current account	17,515.03	-	17,515.03	20,620.04
Lloyds current account	-	-	-	-
NatWest reserve account	23,791.22	-	23,791.22	23,451.03
NatWest deposit account 1	-	330,528.91	325,941.76	325,941.76
NatWest deposit account 2	-	20.47	20.47	20.21
Paypal account	60.92	-	60.92	60.92
Prepayment and accrued income	1,030.20	-	1,030.20	224.80
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	44,386.79	320,549.38	370,348.76	370,348.76
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NON-MONETARY ASSETS				
Land and buildings	400,000.00	-	400,000.00	400,000.00
Refurbishment Cost	11,154.45	-	11,154.45	6,361.70
Scout equipment	1,921.54	-	1,921.54	1,921.54
Accumulated Depreciation on Scout equipment	-	-	-	-
	576.00	-	576.00	384.00
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	412,499.99	-	412,499.99	407,899.24
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TOTAL ASSETS	454,897.36	330,549.38	778,248.00	778,248.00
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LIABILITIES due within one year				
Accruals	3,184.65	-	3,184.65	12,732.18
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	3,184.65	-	3,184.65	12,732.18
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LIABILITIES payable after one year				
Loans	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-
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RESERVES				
Revaluation Reserves	207,500.00	-	-	207,500.00
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	207,500.00	-	-	207,500.00
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NET ASSETS	244,212.71	330,549.38	574,732.09	558,015.82
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NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31st March 2025

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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Note 3: Fixed assets

	Buildings	Scout equipment	Improvements to property	Total
Cost				
Balance b/fwd	400,000.00	1,921.54	6,361.70	408,283.24
Additions	-	-	4,792.74	4,792.75
Revaluations	-	-	-	-
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Balance c/fwd	400,000.00	1,921.54	11,154.45	413,075.99
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Depreciation				
Balance b/fwd	-	384.00	-	384.00
Charge for the year	-	192.00	-	192.00
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Balance c/fwd	-	576.00	-	384.00
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Net assets @ 31/03/25	400,000.00	1,345.54	11,154.45	412,499.99
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Net assets @ 31/03/24	400,000.00	1,537.54	6,361.70	407,889.24
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Note 4: Trustees remuneration and benefits.

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2025 nor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Year Ended 31st March 2024

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 2025 as set on pages 8 to 11 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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