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Group Executive Members

Ex Officio

Chair	Mrs Emma Little
Secretary	Ms Becci Cowley
Treasurer	Fiona Slater (appointed 29.4.22)
Group Scout Leader	Mr Douglas McIntyre
Beaver Scout Leader	Ms Lea Scott
Cub Scout Leader	Ms Sam Carter
Scout Leader	Mr Mark Lloyd
Explorer Scout Leader	Mr Robin Kennedy

Elected

Ms Victoria Welsh
Dr Jane Halpin
Ms Clair Vineberg

Nominated

Ms Dizzy Peverley	Under 25
Mr Andy Gray	
Mrs Jane McIntyre	

Bankers

NatWest Bank Plc

Scout Registration number

2558

Charity Registration Number

520716

Contact name and address

Mr Douglas McIntyre
59 Burnhope Road
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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2022.

The legal and administrative details of the Group are shown elsewhere in this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association (POR) and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2005).

Objectives of the Group

The Group was formed in 1916 by the adoption of POR by the founding Group leaders, who also acted as Trustees. The Group's aim, in common with that of the Scout Association, is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Organisation

The Group is managed by the Trustees, who meet regularly to discuss all aspects of day to day running. The leaders of the Group are Trustees by virtue of their position as a leader.

Investment powers

The Group's investment powers are set out in POR.

Review of Activities

Group activities were massively impacted by the emergence of the Coronavirus pandemic from March 2020. This continued to impact during the early part of 2021.

The annual Group Census showed that our members had continued to fall from 87 the previous year to 82, partly due to the inability to recruit during the pandemic, which led to the temporary closure of the second Beaver Colony and Cub Pack

As we have our own premises, on which business rates are paid, we have been fortunate to be included in the grants under the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure provision. These continued during this financial year, albeit at a lesser level, but which has left us in a very strong financial position.

Because of the Grant funding and the inability to provide scouting for our members in the normal way, the Trustees decided to offer the members a subscription payment holiday for the last 5 months of the previous financial year. As we were unable to return to full operation at the start of this financial year and to recognise the loyalty and support of our members during these extraordinary times, we reintroduced subscription payments at the reduced level of £5 per calendar month from April 2021, rising to the normal subscription level of £15 from the start of the September term.

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Policy on reserves

In general, it is the Group's aim to maintain sufficient funds to ensure the success of all of its activities and to provide a contingency to support equipment replacement and unforeseen expenses at short notice. A sum of £1,500 has been designated as this contingency. Currently we have a healthy balance, thanks to the benefit of the Grant support referred to earlier.

Risk management

The Trustees assess the major strategic and operational risks faced by the Group on an ongoing basis and react to mitigate these risks. Through the Scout Association we arrange insurance to cover liability, personal accident and injury to young people and leaders as well as adequate insurance cover for camping and activity equipment and the Group's minibus.

Grant making policy

The Group does not have a policy in respect of making grants.

Approval of the Trustees report

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

Mrs E Little
Group Chair
20th November 2022

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Receipts and Payments Summary

	2022	2021
	£	£
Total receipts for the year	28,404.26	42,674.88
Total payments for the year	(21,820.14)	(15,705.31)
Net receipts/(payments)	6,584.12	26,969.57
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	33,300.08	6,330.51
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	39,884.20	33,300.08

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on their behalf by:

Mrs E Little
Group Chair
20th November 2022

F M Slater
Treasurer
20th November 2022

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Receipts	2022	2021
	£	£
Membership subscriptions	10,764.76	10,577.18
Donation	230.00	-
Grants	11,601.00	23,637.71
Gift aid	2,051.20	7,638.17
Hall hire	2,465.00	360.00
Minibus income	400.89	220.00
Interest received	2.41	1.32
Events	147.00	-
Bank compensation	200.00	-
Income received by sections	520.00	200.00
Other	22.00	40.50
Total receipts for the year	<u>28,404.26</u>	<u>42,674.88</u>

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Payments	2022	2021
	£	£
Premises		
Rates	36.59	-
Water	197.07	82.62
Gas	597.73	275.99
Electricity	304.92	384.83
Insurance	830.11	802.42
Broadband	417.13	341.48
Cleaning	1,889.64	1,004.08
District loan	-	350.00
Pest Control	165.00	-
Repairs and upkeep	<u>1,290.27</u>	<u>-</u>
Total premises expenditure	5,728.46	3,241.42
Activity expenditure		
Membership fees	3,854.00	4,219.50
Lottery licence	-	20.00
Youth meetings and activities	3,201.57	865.74
Unity insurance	42.00	42.00
Equipment	4,817.53	5,694.71
Purchase of badges	301.33	242.77
Minibus and trailer	3,011.16	1,100.54
Training	165.00	-
Stationery	51.77	-
OSM fees	305.60	278.63
Go Cardless fees	<u>341.72</u>	<u>-</u>

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Total activity expenditure	16,091.68	12,463.89
Total expenditure	21,820.14	15,705.31

Statement of Assets and Liabilities	2022	2021
	£	£
Monetary assets		
Current account	1,666.95	21,751.29
Business Reserve (6336)	0.13	0.13
Business Reserve (3117)	38,098.27	10,672.82
Business Reserve (4588)	0.08	0.08
Equals account	100.00	-
Cash in hand	18.77	875.76
Total monetary assets	39,884.20	33,300.08
Non monetary assets		
Scout HQ	125,000.00	125,000.00
Scouting equipment	15,000.00	15,000.00
Minibus	4,000.00	4,500.00
Total monetary assets	144,000.00	144,500.00
Liabilities	-	-
Net assets	183,884.20	177,800.08

Notes to the Accounts

Accounting policies

1. Income shown in the Receipts and Payment Account is before deduction of any expenses.
2. Non-monetary assets shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities has been given as an estimated valuation by the Trustees based on their knowledge of the assets involved and their age and condition.
3. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2000) for Charities, as applicable to the Group.
4. The receipts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 1st Washington Scout Group

I report on the Accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 ("the 1993 Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act;
- To follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosure in the account and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

1. To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
2. To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met; or
3. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John Edwards, 2 Rose Cottages, Windlass Lane, Washington, NE37 1BD

26 October 2022