



ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23



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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT - 1ST APRIL 2022 TO 31ST MARCH 2023

Charity Name: 5th Urmston (Aquilifer) Scout Group
Address: The Lighthouse
Easbrook
Urmston
Manchester
M41 9JA

Registered Charity Number: 521691

HQ registration Number: 18054

Names of the Trustees who manage the charity

Trustee Name	Office
Gary Armstrong	Group Scout Leader
Colin Blanchard	Chair
Rachel Ellis	Secretary
Zoe Bond	Treasurer
Margaret Marshall	Group Administrator
Christine Winterbottom	Member
Jane Wilson	Member
Chris O'Neill	Member
Dan Easden	Member

Names of Holding Trustees, who hold the land and property in trust

John Irlam
John Ironmonger
David Till
Christine Winterbottom

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of three independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent representation and meets every month.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Upcoming Changes

Scout HQ has revised the way the whole organisation is structured. For us as a group it means during this next year we will transition the core of the Group Executive Committee to a Group Trustees Board who will be responsible for the overarching governance, risk management and Charity Commission compliance of the Group. A new Group Leadership Team will be convened from some of the Group Executive Committee, Section Leaders and others to deliver the operational management of the group such as premises or equipment maintenance, social or fund-raising functions or media and outreach. The Team leaders will continue to deliver the engaging, challenging and fun programmes of activities for the young people.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Chair's Report

On behalf of myself and the Executive Committee (The Exec) I would like to begin by saying thank you to everyone involved in Scouting at 5th Urmston including the volunteers and helpers for your support during the past year it is very much appreciated, I would also like to pass my thanks on to previous Chair Tom Pickles for his guidance.

It has been a busy year for 5th Urmston with the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers and many visiting Scouting Groups enjoying the wonderful grounds at 5th Urmston and many successful events to be proud of including music on the meadows which has been a joy to see and be part of!

During 2023 you will have observed there has been various building and repair works taking place across the grounds lead by the amazing 5th Urmston service crew volunteers and this will continue across 2024. As I am sure you can appreciate managing and maintaining the significant grounds to a high standard for everyone's enjoyment is a challenge both financially and takes considerable amount of time. In 2024 we will be looking for support from parents and corporate businesses to undertake volunteering days and for 5th Urmston to be a potential business charity partner. I know there are many companies which offer such partnerships and if you feel your company could offer support, please don't hesitate to contact me to discuss.

Once again, thank you for your support.

Colin Blanchard, Group Chair

Treasurer's Report

Our year end accounts show an overall loss of £4.471.

In previous years we have presented Group and Section accounts. As the Group and Sections are now cashless, Section accounts are no longer needed. As a result Group no longer needs to charge Sections a membership fee.

Income

Overall Group income for the year is higher than last year, this is due to a return of our annual Music on the Meadows event, this is always a very successful fundraising event for the Group and it was good to see it return this year generating approx £2,700 profit. Total income was £41k.

Expenditure

Group expenses have increased this year compared to last year. This was driven by the increase in maintenance cost. Covid meant maintenance costs were reduced in previous years. This year the group have seen increased maintenance costs in relation to Tree Cutting, Gas Tank Repairs and repairs to pathways. Total expenditure was £46k.

Thank you to all that have supported the group despite the challenges of the past few years.

We will continue to review our Gift Aid documents this year. Our Gift Aid forms are now digital, please look out for a link to sign a Gift Aid form in your email. Gift Aid allows us to claim an extra 25% of your donations/subscriptions from the government at no extra cost to you (we can even claim back for prior years).

Thanks to all who regularly donate as part of the monthly donation scheme. These extra funds help improve and maintain our facilities. If you would like to donate (any amount is welcome), please ask myself or any of our Leaders for our deposit account details. It is easy to set up a regular standing order and we would be very grateful - remember the Gift Aid form means we receive even more.

The audited accounts are attached as an appendix to this report.

Zoe Bond, Group Treasurer

Group Scout Leader's Report

It is a bit strange writing a report that references a period of time that ended 5 months ago but

This was my first year as Group Scout Leader, taking on the role from Tina, and technically my last as we transition to the new structures and the role becomes known as Group Lead Volunteer 😊.

Tina Winterbottom had been the GSL for upwards of 11 years, and I know all of us at the Group are very grateful for all that she did during that time; and continues to do now. During the year Tina has been Beaver Leader, archivist and member of the Exec. And on a personal level Tina has been very kind with her time and sharing her experience as I transition into the role. Thank you Tina.

All the sections have had great years as you can see from their reports. The fun, engaging activities, the learning and personal development opportunities for all the young people are down to the efforts of the amazing volunteer section leaders and assistants (going to be called Volunteer Teams under the new systems) who put their time into running the meetings and the background tasks that go with it. Thank you to all the Section Leaders and their teams.

The facilities at 5th Urmston are second to none but they take a lot of effort and time to maintain. The Service Crew work often goes unseen – grass is the right length, paths clear, building up, but you will all have seen the work on the ramp. Having spent several months unsuccessfully trying to get this work even quoted for, Service Crew stepped in and are making a great job of it. (on this one led by Dan Easdon). Thank you to all the Service Crew.

And connected to that, thank you to Margaret Marshall in particular for leading with the key holder duties letting in the other groups that use our facilities, the cleaner and many others. And to Connor O'Neil for his work as Quartermaster.

The finances, the insurances, the overall governance and management of the Group has been ably led by the Executive Committee, again integral in keeping our Scout Group going, legal, and safe. Thank you to the Exec and other sub-committees.

Thank you to everyone that contributes to the energy and success of 5th Urmston: including our young people from the ages of 6 to 18, their parents and families that support us and them in Scouting and the dedicated volunteers thanked above.

I look back on a great 2022/23 and forward to a successful 2023/24!

Gary Armstrong,

Group Scout Leader

Beaver Colonies

This has been another good year for the Beaver Colonies. We have awarded 40 challenge badges and 168 activity badges this year.

Our programme has been varied and great fun. We worked on Road Safety and the Green Cross Code, Kite Making, Orienteering, Trails, Den Building, Nature Walks and cooking Smores in the Summer Term – making the most of being out in the grounds and learning whilst enjoying our wonderful facilities. Thanks must be given to the Service Crew for keeping the grounds looking so good and ready for us to use.

Back inside for the Autumn and Spring terms the Beavers continued to enjoy doing badgework. Once again we were pleased by their sensible approach to cooking, taking great care around the cooking stoves, hot pans and using the sharp knives very carefully. The food was delicious too! On the menu were pancakes, mac n cheese (with lots of extra vegetables to make it more healthy) and Eton mess (with the Beavers choice of strawberries or raspberries).



We were very proud of the Beavers on St George's Day parade. They looked very smart in their uniforms and they walked the whole route without complaining.

We joined in with the rest of the Group at the Carol Service too. The Beavers were brilliant standing up in front of the congregation and performing their parts, they were so brave (even though some of them were very nervous).

Our thanks to Rev Brian of St Clement's Church – both colonies visited the Church and learned some very interesting facts. He told us that the church only took a matter of months to build back in the 1860s (although the tower was added later) – we couldn't believe it could be done that quickly! The church clock was added so that the people working in the fields nearby would know when it was lunchtime – and of course when it was time to go home. At that time many people didn't even have a clock at home – never mind watches and mobile phones!

We'd like to thank all of our leaders and young leaders for their help, time and enthusiasm. We really wouldn't be able to do this without you. We'd also like to thank all of the parents for their support, especially those who volunteer to help with meetings. Our biggest thank you goes to our amazing beaver scouts who make it all so worthwhile. We are looking forward to doing it all again next year!

**Rachel Winterbottom
(Wendy)
Aspen Colony**

**Tina Winterbottom
(Rikki)
Willow Colony**

Cub Packs

What an action-packed year we've had, settling back into a "new normal" routine of scouting post Covid, and for the leadership team, settling into a new rhythm following the loss of our dear friends and colleagues.

The year started with us planting sunflowers and a competition to see who's grew the tallest. It was fabulous to follow each cub's progress via photos on our Facebook page - one of the upsides of social media. Of course, as the nights lightened, we headed outdoors, and that meant SMORES 😊 – nothing, not even a bit of rain, can come between cubs and toasted marshmallows.

Early summer took us to Linnet Clough in Marple and our first camp since pre pandemic. I think we only had one cub on camp who had ever been on a cub camp before – this made me very nervous, together with many of the cubs, BUT it was brilliant. For most, it was a weekend of firsts: first night away from home, first night in a tent, first time cooking for themselves, first time on a climbing tower, first time seeing a badger (or running away from them eh Baloo?) and first time in charge, as Bagheera took the lead to earn her camping permit. BRAVO. Well deserved – we're very proud of her achievements. The camp was hugely successful highlighted by the exhausted but happy (and filthy) cubs at the end of it.

The rest of the summer was filled with the usual outdoor activities: fires, backwoods cooking, chocolate wraps, scavenger hunts, wide games, fun, friends, and a water fight during the heatwave.

After the holidays we headed back indoors and got down to a bit of badgework. The cubs stepped up to the plate and ran some very successful skills nights, where they each teach a skill to a group of other cubs. Skills included – musical instruments, skateboarding, magic, chess, cooking, drawing, dancing – to name a few. I personally take great pleasure in watching them, filled with confidence, talking about something they love and seeing the joy in their faces as they teach someone else and see the rewards of their efforts. I love these evenings.

Other things we did included:

- learning about our local area and drawing maps of Urmston centre – not sure I'd rely on these maps to actually get me anywhere though!
- Learning about the dress, customs and cultures of other countries
- Understanding the meaning behind our Promise Badge
- Taking part in a "try judo" session.
- Safety – at home, in the car, around fire
- Halloween crafts
- Team games and team building
- Chess competition
- A delayed Christmas party with an "old fashioned fair" theme

All these activities go towards the cub's badges, with the aim of them achieving the highest award in cubs - the Chief Scouts Silver Award. This year I've had the very great pleasure of presenting this award to Teddy Harkness. Teddy worked ridiculously hard to earn this award, many times very self-driven and completing tasks at home. I don't think we have ever been asked so many times "Have I done it yet? What else do I need to do?". We are all very proud of you Teddy – you are a shining example to everyone.

That just leaves the leadership team. We welcomed some new leaders into the team this year, in both packs – Jack Howard, Charlotte Gee, Josh Kirsten and young leaders Abi Gilpin and Edie O'Boyle. Welcome aboard. It's lovely to have you and fabulous to have new direction and ideas. Thanks also

to Debbie Gilpin (Hathi), Connor O'Neill (ConCon), Issy Brett (Baloo), Vicki Armstrong (Bagheera) and young leaders Ben Service and Freya Bradley.

None of this is possible without the leaders who volunteer their time to run the sections. I've had a very different year, with a change in job meaning many trips to the US and the team have pulled together brilliantly, together with support from other group leaders, and kept things running perfectly in my absences. It's great to know I have a very reliable gang behind me. Running both packs for over 3 years has been hard but made so much easier with this group of people I'm very happy to call friends. So, thank you all – your enthusiasm, skills, ideas etc are such a strength and support to me personally.

Here's to another fabulous year ahead!

Liz Armstrong, Akela

Scout Troop

Another year goes by and we are still going strong, we have a Troop that grew back to max capacity which can be challenging at times but we manage to create and achieve a fantastic Scouting program which shows with the amount of awards we have given out this year. Including Six Chiefs Scouts Gold Awards these are the highest awards you can gain in Scouts.

We started the year off by entering the County Lord Derby Competition where the team had to master several different challenges by using all the skills, they had gained by being in Scouts. The team did fantastically well with a 1st Place! We also came 1st Place in the District Football, County Camping Competition, and the District Scoutcraft competition! Through these achievements we can be sure we are providing a good balanced program for our young people.



Now to our Program, what have we been up to? Well with our combined knowledge and skills as leadership team we did LOADS!!!

We try to make each week different whilst having fun and covering off the badge work needed.

To name a few things we Cook, Bake, Build, play games, community activities, build fires and shelters, we tie knots and most of all have Fun!



This year our annual summer camp was held at Kibblestone campsite in Shropshire. We took 22 Scouts for the week camping, we had a blast the days went quick with all the activities we did for example Shooting, Abseiling, cave maze, High ropes course, water world in Stoke and not forgetting Alton Towers!



A proud moment this year was when Juliet Cooke was presented with the District Commissioners Commendation for Scouting. Juliet put her skills she had learnt to use when Juliet and her Mum came across a lady lying on the floor on the way to Urmston, the lady had collapsed, and Juliet knew exactly what to do and stayed very calm and reassuring throughout the time she helped the lady whilst waiting for an Ambulance to arrive. BRAVO Juliet!



By no means last I would like to so say how Thankful I am to the team on a Friday night who give up their time each week to provide these opportunities for your young people, I could not do it without them they bring so much knowledge and skills to the team that they make each week what it is and the reason we are so successful as a Troop. So, thank you Dan, Phil, James, Matt, Dib Dob and Jackie.

If anyone is wanting to come and help our amazing team, please just ask we would love for you to join the fun!

Mike Ellis, Scout Leader

Explorer Unit

“All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.”

The Fellowship of the Ring, J.R.R. Tolkien

2022-23 was certainly the year we got back to “business as usual” after the tumultuous times of Covid restrictions and distancing; albeit with a raft of new attitudes and the application of new practices. But back to business we got, and happily so! My wish for the last year was to provide the members of the Unit with an abundance of opportunities to gain new skills; knowledge; experience; and an amazing set of values, which will stand our charges in good stead for their future, whatever they choose to do.

Of course it is not just myself, but also my highly valued Leader Team, which keep the Explorer Unit running smoothly. So massive thanks as always to Alex and Luke for your continued support and assistance this last year, I truly would not be able to manage the Unit without you both.

The time has come around, that we have once again been fortunate to see one of our Unit Members be selected as part of the Greater Manchester West Unit, heading to South Korea to participate in the 2023 World Scout Jamboree. We all hope that Will, and the rest of the participants, Leaders and International Service Team, make new friends spanning the globe, alongside memories that will last a lifetime. Safe Travels to you all.



Focussing closer to home, we strive to offer as wide a variety of activities and events here at 5th Urmston as possible, trying as best we can to utilise the incredible facilities on our doorstep and further afield. We have continued taking part in District competitions as they come along. Notably the return of the Urmston District Bowling Competition, which our team of Rory, Will, Euan and Harry went ahead to win (by a significant margin), thereby retaining the trophy for the Unit. We can now (cheekily) claim ourselves to be winners from 2020-2023 inclusive! A significant achievement for us collectively was the successful completion of our 1,200 mile “Lands End to John o’Groats Cycling Challenge” which we

completed in a time of 28 Hours and 15 Minutes on an array of exercise bikes, here in the HQ. This endeavour raised over £1,000 which went towards the purchase of the AED now located on the exterior of our building, along with a donation to Bone Cancer Research Trust under Jude’s Fund. October saw us make a successful return to Langton Adventure Centre up in Cumbria, for our annual “Not Coniston” challenge weekend with the Explorers and a handful of the older Scouts. An unexpected memento of the weekend is undoubtedly the transformation of a certain Scout Leader to a quasi-religious icon! #BobBlessYou!

Kudos is of course due to the Explorers themselves: Despite the inevitable teenage angst and tribulations of life, the enthusiasm and engagement which the Explorers bring week-in, week-out, is unendingly amazing. They drive the programme, whilst Luke, Alex and I work to support their ideas, provide the necessary resources, and facilitate (often with an extra element of challenge as well) the opportunity for the Explorers to achieve their goals.

LEJOG TARGET = 1,200 MILES

SCOUTS	KM	Miles	Time	Start	KA	Miles	Time
1	20.44	12.69	1:12	10	10	10	1:12
2	20.44	12.69	1:12	10	10	10	1:12
3	20.44	12.69	1:12	10	10	10	1:12
4	20.44	12.69	1:12	10	10	10	1:12
5	20.44	12.69	1:12	10	10	10	1:12
6	20.44	12.69	1:12	10	10	10	1:12
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20	20.44	12.69	1:12	10	10	10	1:12
21	20.44	12.69	1:12	10	10	10	1:12
22	20.44	12.69	1:12	10	10	10	1:12
23	20.44	12.69	1:12	10	10	10	1:12
24	20.44	12.69	1:12	10	10	10	1:12
25	20.44	12.69	1:12	10	10	10	1:12

10km = 6.2m

TIME ELAPSED: 28:00:45
Time 28:00:45

FOR JUDE

Wrapping up, as always, with a toast: “The adventures awaiting, the challenges we’ll overcome, and the memories to be made for recall as campfire tales for years into the future!” If you too, dear reader, happen to have a couple of hours spare (not necessarily every single week) and would care to offer any assistance to help keep the Unit running well, be sure to get in touch, try it out for a while and see if it would be something you want to continue volunteering with!



Yours in Scouting,

Matt Woodhams, District Explorer Scout Leader
Alex Marsden, District Assistant Explorer Scout Leader
Luke Monaghan, District Assistant Explorer Scout Leader

Service Crew

Coronavirus

Over the last 12 months, and now that COVID-19 seems to be causing less of an issue, the Service Crew are pleased to say that we're now getting back to something more like 'business as usual' from a building and site maintenance point of view. Monday evenings are now quite busy and our Thursday crew is meeting again regularly. We continue to maintain a good number in the team with regular attendance of 7-8 members on a Monday and 3-4 members on a Thursday.

We are, however, always on the lookout for additional help from parent members who have skills such as electricians, plumbing, building and plastering (for example). There are several larger jobs that will need to be completed in the coming 12 months where the help would be very useful. If you feel you might be able to help, please contact us on the email below and I'll get in touch with you.

Camping Site & Grounds

From a site perspective the warm and wet weather we have seen over the summer has meant that the grass has been growing quickly and so this needs to be kept on top of. This has also seen a massive growth in brambles, ivy and Himalayan balsam ('woggies') which also need to be kept under control. In addition, tree management has continued, sometimes requiring the skills of outside tree surgeons to support us. Over several months during 2023 we have seen vandalism of the trees on the field, which is continuing, with dozens of younger trees having been cut and left partially fallen on the site. The making safe of this, to prevent injury to section members, takes time from the Thursday team which prevents them from carrying out other needed jobs such as grass cutting. The service crew have embarked on fence reinforcement to try and slow down intruders on the field, but this is an on-going battle.

In previous reports we have outlined the impacts of climate change and this continues to be an issue with flooding to the grounds causing damage in the machinery stores and other outbuildings on the field. The clean-up operation in these outbuildings including the archery range and toilet block is significant when the flooding happens. Another effect of climate change is the significant cold snaps that we saw over last winter with temperatures of -15 degrees being recorded. This caused significant damage to the plumbing in the toilet block which has cost the group circa £2000 of unexpected expenditure along with a significant investment in volunteer time to rectify the damage. Resurfacing of paths was carried out prior to the St. Georges day parade in April with the team and several other parent volunteers shovelling and spreading nearly 40 tonnes of stone around the site. We are extremely grateful for the additional help that was offered by parents to help us do this.

Headquarters

General maintenance of the HQ continues both inside and out, but the largest piece of on-going work the team have been undertaking this year is the replacement of the main entry ramp and steps at the front of the HQ. Over the early part of 2023 the team have cut away all the steel sub frame which had corroded since the HQ was opened and have worked during the year to replace this with a more substantial concrete and brick structure, which is now being surfaced with timber and anti-slip decking (of the type used at water parks and national trust properties).

It is expected that this task will still take some time to complete as wet weather over the summer has been against us, but the job is expected to be complete by the end of the year. Whilst this has been an expensive task this year, it is nowhere near the circa £40,000 that was quoted by several firms to replace the ramp and it is down to the hard work of the team that this has progressed as well as it has.

Equipment

Our working equipment is now showing signs of its age with ongoing and continual maintenance needed. The dumper truck (a real workhorse for the group) is currently out of action and we are struggling to replace this economically. If any parents reading this have contacts with firms that would consider supporting the group with either repairs or replacement of the machinery, I would be grateful if you could get in touch.

Service Team Members

Mark Council	Dan Easdon	John Milligan
Connor O'Neill	David Porter	Jack Rimmer
John Thatcher	Brian Timms	Luch Visentin

Chris O'Neill

ServiceCrew@5thUrmstonScouts.com

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £24,000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £90,000 against this at year end, £80,000 of which is unrestricted. This is in line with accepted standards for operating expenses to cover unforeseen circumstances.

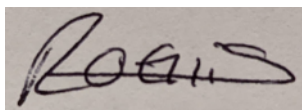
Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees,



Rachel Ellis
Secretary



Gary Armstrong
Group Scout Leader

5TH URMSTON (AQUILIFER) SCOUT GROUP

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

5TH URMSTON (AQUILIFER) SCOUT GROUP
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 5th Urmston (Aquilifer) Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 5th Urmston Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 5th Urmston 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 5th Urmston 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 5th Urmston Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Signed:



Name:

SIMON DAVID MONKS

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

Address:

23 GRANGETHORPE ROAD, URMSTON, MANCHESTER M41 9HT

Date:

4 SEPTEMBER 2023

5TH URMSTON (AQUILIFER) SCOUT GROUP
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

<u>2021/2022</u>			<u>2022/2023</u>		<u>2022/2023</u>		<u>2022/2023</u>	
Total			Restricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds		Total	
£	£		£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>GROUP INCOME</u>								
7,933.29		Rent			8,093.0		8,092.97	
2,224.91		Donations	1,292.00		3,871.2		5,163.15	
6,350.00		Membership Fees			-		-	
1.28		Interest Received			41.6		41.55	
200.00		Fundraising			6,514.9		6,514.93	
2,000.00		Gift Aid Tax & Interest	2,383.70		-		2,383.70	
205.00		Sale of Group T-Shirts			41.0		41.00	
3,000.00		Sale of Tractor			-		-	
10,076.50		Subscriptions			19,025.00		19,025.00	
52.50		Fundraising			-		-	
2,440.06		Section Activities			-		-	
	12,569.06			3,675.70		37,586.60		41,262.30
	<u>34,483.54</u>	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR		<u>3,675.70</u>		<u>37,586.60</u>		<u>41,262.30</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>								
4,705.65		Insurance			4,930.43		4,930.43	
703.46		Water			760.30		760.30	
46.84		Electricity			624.00		624.00	
1,113.44		Gas			1,351.20		1,351.20	
557.24		Telephone/Broadband/Computer			537.20		537.20	
5,765.07		Maintenance: HQ, Land & Equipment			10,932.92		10,932.92	
-		Waste			1,166.70		1,166.70	
-		Fundraising Expenses			2,969.32		2,969.32	
7,001.25		Capitation Fees			6,477.00		6,477.00	
390.35		Badges and Regalia			686.84		686.84	
72.01		Postage, Printing and Stationery			-		-	
430.00		Training Fees		-	162.00		162.00	
263.85		Bank Charges			284.10		284.10	
125.17		Section Equipment			-		-	
4,368.93		Section Activities			2,892.23		2,892.23	
-		Jamboree			2,000.00		2,000.00	
134.42		Cost of T-Shirts Sold			11.44		11.44	
1,300.00		Defibrillator			-		-	
136.98		Jude's Tree			-		-	
7,401.28		Building Depreciation			7,401.28		7,401.28	
2,723.26		Equipment Depreciation			2,870.43		2,870.43	
	37,239.21	TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR		-		45,733.39		45,733.39
£ -	<u>2,755.67</u>	NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	£	<u>3,675.70</u>	£ -	<u>8,146.79</u>	£ -	<u>4,471.09</u>

5TH URMSTON (AQUILIFER) SCOUT GROUP
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

2021/2022			NOTE	2022/2023		Total
£	£			Restricted	Unrestricted	£
				£		£
FIXED ASSETS						
64,500.00		LAND - at valuation	2		64,500.00	
275,813.48		BUILDINGS - at WDV	3		268,412.20	
6,834.95		EQUIPMENT - at WDV	4		6,639.48	
	347,148.43					339,551.68
CURRENT ASSETS						
503.36	503.36	STOCK OF T-SHIRTS		-	491.92	491.92
80,637.19	90,353.55	CASH AT BANK	5	12,129.98	83,713.06	95,843.04
11.14	11.14	CASH IN HAND		-	0.00	0.00
20,840.69	20,840.69	PREPAYMENTS & ACCRUED INCOME	6	-	20,267.68	20,267.68
101,992.38	111,708.74			12,129.98	104,472.67	116,602.65
Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES						
11,570.44	11,570.44	ACCRUALS & DEFERRED INCOME	7		13,338.69	13,338.69
11,570.44	11,570.44			-	13,338.69	13,338.69
	100,138.28	NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)				103,263.94
	<u>447,286.71</u>					<u>442,815.62</u>

REPRESENTED BY:

389,442.38		CAPITAL ACCOUNT - Balance b/fwd			386,686.71	
-2,755.67		- Net Income/(Expenditure) for the Year		-	4,471.09	
	386,686.71	- Balance c/fwd				382,215.62
	60,600.00	REVALUATION RESERVE				60,600.00
	<u>447,286.71</u>					<u>442,815.62</u>

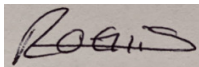
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Approved by the executive committee on

2023



Group Scout Leader - G Armstrong



Group Secretary - R Ellis

5TH URMSTON (AQUILIFER) SCOUT GROUP
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Accounting

These accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention (modified to include the revaluation of investments) in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Charities".

b) Provision for depreciation of fixed assets held for use by the charity is made at annual rates calculated to spread the cost (less anticipated residual disposal value) of each asset evenly over its expected useful life.

The depreciation rates currently in use are at the following rates on the straight line method:

Buildings	2% - 5%
Equipment	20%

2 LAND

The land was revalued as at 31st March 1997 by Peter F Cunliffe & Co, at a market value of £64500.00

The land is stated at this value in the Balance Sheet and the surplus of valuation over cost is shown in the revaluation reserve

3 BUILDINGS

	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>2021/2022</u>
	£	£
Valuation/ Cost B/fwd	358,030.36	358,030.36
Additions		
Valuation/Cost C/fwd	<u>358,030.36</u>	<u>358,030.36</u>
Accumulated Depreciation B/fwd	82,216.88	74,815.60
Charge for the Year	7,401.28	7,401.28
Accumulated Depreciation C/fwd	<u>89,618.16</u>	<u>82,216.88</u>
Net Book Value at 31st March 2023	<u>268,412.20</u>	<u>275,813.48</u>
Net Book Value at 31st March 2022	<u>275,813.48</u>	<u>283,214.76</u>

4 EQUIPMENT

	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>2021/2022</u>
	£	£
Valuation/Cost B/fwd	37,609.59	33,119.19
Additions	1,162.96	4,490.40
WIP	1,512.00	
Valuation/Cost C/fwd	<u>40,284.55</u>	<u>37,609.59</u>
Accumulated Depreciation B/fwd	30,774.64	28,051.37
Charge for the Year	2,870.43	2,723.26
Disposal	0.00	0.00
Accumulated Depreciation C/fwd	<u>33,645.07</u>	<u>30,774.64</u>
Net Book Value at 31st March 2023	<u>6,639.48</u>	<u>6,834.95</u>
Net Book Value at 31st March 2022	<u>6,834.95</u>	<u>5,067.82</u>

5TH URMSTON (AQUILIFER) SCOUT GROUP
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS cont.
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

5 CASH AT BANK

	2022/2023		2021/2022	
	restricted £	unrestricted £	restricted £	unrestricted £
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT				
Group Balances	-	13,904.57	-	12,771.02
	-	13,904.57	-	12,771.02
CURRENT ACCOUNT				
Capital Fund	9,306.36	-	9,306.36	-
In Memory	2,823.62		410.00	
Group Balances		69,808.49		48,339.36
	12,129.98	69,808.49	9,716.36	67,866.17
	12,129.98	83,713.06	9,716.36	80,637.19

6 PREPAYMENTS & ACCRUED INCOME

Prepayments are expenses paid for up to a date later than the date of the accounts.

	2022/2023	2021/2022
Insurance	4,880.18	4,499.69
Capitation	7,847.50	-
Section Activities	85.00	194.94
Gift Aid	6,186.00	14,000.00
Rent	1,269.00	2,256.00
Maintenance	-	-
	20,267.68	20,950.63

7 ACCRUED EXPENSES & DEFERRED INCOME

Deferred income relates to income received in advance.

	2022/2023	2021/2022
Section Activities	2,652.68	1,433.04
Waste	134.27	-
Water	47.32	-
Completion costs of building	9,371.18	9,371.18
Camp 2024	1,133.24	
	13,338.69	10,804.22