



5th Urmston (Aquilifer) Scouts Annual Report

Charity Number: 521691

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Trustees' Annual Report

1ST APRIL 2024 TO 31ST MARCH 2025

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	Period
Gary Armstrong	Group Lead Volunteer (GLV) – Ex Officio	
Nicholas Theodosiou	Group Chair – Appointed	From 22/09/24
Zoe Bond	Group Treasurer - Appointed	
Margaret Marshall	Trustee (Group Administrator) - Appointed	
Colin Blanchard	Group Chair	Until 22/09/24

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 Trustee Board, 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 Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 2 Trustees (including 1 Ex Officio Trustees) and meets every four months. Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board. This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

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 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive set of insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

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 cooperate 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.

Public Benefit Statement

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

Group Chair's Report

Appointed as Chair of Trustees at the AGM in September 2024, this is my first annual report statement with 5th Urmston Scout Group. I am delighted to report that it has been a truly fantastic year prior and after my time as Chair, it has been inspiring to see the energy, dedication, and enthusiasm that everyone brings to our Group, and I feel incredibly proud to be part of such a passionate and supportive Scouting community.

Throughout the year, our young people have taken part in a wide range of exciting camps, trips, and section activities that continue to deliver fun, adventure, and personal development. The commitment they show to learning, growing, and developing essential life skills is remarkable. They are truly living out the values of Scouting, helping others, being trustworthy, showing respect, and building resilience, and each young person is learning to take responsibility for their own actions, contribute to their communities, and develop into well-rounded, compassionate individuals.

These experiences help build confidence, resilience, and friendships that will last a lifetime, and they would not be possible without the hard work and commitment of our amazing volunteers and leaders. Your time, energy, and passion are what make 5th Urmston so special – thank you for all that you do.

We have also seen some brilliant community and fundraising events take place, including the lively Music on the Meadows, the ever-popular annual Bingo Night, and the Christmas Carol concert. These events not only help raise vital funds for the Group but also bring families, friends, and the wider community together in celebration of what Scouting stands for.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in making these events possible! Your time, hard work, and dedication have been essential to their success, and it is truly appreciated. It is only possible because of the incredible efforts of our volunteers, and your commitment makes all the difference.

A special thank you must go to our dedicated Service Crew, who continue to maintain our building and grounds to an exceptional standard. Their work ensures we have a safe, welcoming, and well-kept space for all our activities, and we are truly grateful for the time and care they give throughout the year.

Thank you, Gary (Group Lead Volunteer) and all the group leaders, for their leadership, hard work and dedication. I also want to take this opportunity to recognise the commitment and expertise of our Trustee Board. Thanks to both Zoe (Treasurer) and Margaret (Trustee) as well as the rest of our fantastic team of dedicated trustees. Their work behind the scenes, managing our finances, governance, and ensuring the safety and compliance of the Group, is vital to our continued success and deeply appreciated.

I am excited for what's to come and looking forward to continuing to work with our trustees and group leadership to build on the achievements of this year and to continue delivering even more opportunities, adventures, and memories for all young people involved with 5th Urmston. With such a strong foundation of leadership, volunteers, families, support, and a thriving community of

young people, the future of 5th Urmston looks incredibly bright.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and dedication. Have a wonderful summer break!

Nick Theodosiou

Group Chair, 5th Urmston Scout Group

Group Lead Volunteer's Report

Thank you to everyone that helped deliver a year of adventure, creativity, learning, development and fun Scouting for the young people be they Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers.

I want to say a big thank you on the Groups behalf to the section leaders who give up their time each week planning and running the meetings for the young people; with safe, fun, engaging activities, taking teams to competitions and providing personal development opportunities for all. Thank you to all the section team members and the young leaders, without whom the meetings couldn't happen.

Thank you to the Service Crew volunteers. The facilities at 5th Urmston are second to none but they take a lot of effort and time to maintain. The building, the grounds, grass cutting, tree management, thank you to all the Service Crew. And thanks to the Group Administrator for, amongst other things, making sure the building is clean, fire and burglar alarms serviced, and bins emptied. Thank you to the Quartermaster for keeping our equipment available, safely stored and serviceable. And thank you to the Trustee Board for all the work they do to keep our Group legal, safe and funded, including specifically the Treasurer for keeping our finances in order and all the work done on expenses and payments.

Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped during the year with fundraising and activity support, be that helping supervise a Beaver walk or setting up marquees for Music on the Meadows.

And talking of Music on the Meadows, this is our largest and longest running fund raising event, so thank you to Chas and all the bands that volunteer their time, and the regular 5U crew that setup stage and marquees, run the bar, the ticketing and gate. The fund raising we do is critical to the upkeep of grounds and services, and to keeping the membership subscription for the young people low. And I'm looking forward to the return of the Bingo night next year.

It takes a big team to provide the energy and success of 5th Urmston: including our young people from the ages of 6 to 18, their parents and families and the dedicated volunteers.

This is my last GLV report as due to the demands of work and other commitments it is time for me to pass on the baton. It has been an exciting few years that I have really enjoyed. I joined 5th Urmston as a Cub in 1976, so the place is very special to me, and I look forward to continuing on the Trustee Board to help the Group grow and develop.

Gary Armstrong

Group Lead Volunteer

Beavers: Aspen and Willow Colonies Report

Our programme over the past year has, as always, been based on the Challenge award scheme and activity badges. This year the badges achieved have included Adventure, Animal Friend, Book Reader, Cook, Creative, Disability Awareness, Emergency Aid, Gardener, International, Musician, Navigator, Personal and Teamwork - some of which were chosen by the Beavers themselves. Well done Beavers!

Some of our programmes during this year included:



Our thanks to Rachel Turnbull for coming to talk to the beavers about working to help homeless people. The beavers asked some very interesting questions! Also, thanks to Jo Hardman for helping us with the emergency aid badge again.

We were proud of the Beavers at the St George's Day Parade at the beginning of the year, they all looked very smart. At the Group Carol Service in December, they were very brave standing up and reading in front of a very large congregation.

Huge thanks to those who have helped us this year: Leaders -Henry Gagan, Zoe Gilpin, Jayne Meyrick, Michelle Platt (Keeo) and Graeme Ryder; Young Leaders - Kitty and Owen Quinn; also, the various parent helpers who have come along to help out when we have needed an extra pair of hands. We couldn't do it without you all.

Hannah Wilson (Rainbow), Aspen Colony

Tina Winterbottom (Rikki), Willow Colony

Cubs: Remus and Romulus Packs Report

Another fabulous year for 5U cubs this year.

Following the award scheme we have participated in many activities including fire lighting (and making smores of course), talking about the environment and make models out of natural materials, visiting Stretford CC for some cricket training, building shelters, lots of team building through fun games, tracking, gardening, researching about international festivals and cultures and trying some foreign food, several fun science experiments (thank you Hathi for taking the lead on this) and learning new skills (making a brew, ironing neckers, washing windows and peeling vegetables).



We've also had the pleasure of being assisted by some very keen young leaders who, as part of their training and development, ran some programs including astrology, animal care, and environment. Four of the young leaders have now taken out full adult leadership roles which is fabulous (although they are all heading off to University in September 😞). It's great to be part of their development and see them grow in confidence.





Thanks to Rebecca's contacts we had a great visit to Dino golf and Remus pack had a delightful trip to Urmston's musical society pantomime. Romulus Pack welcomed Curious Critters and spent an evening learning about and holding snakes, bugs, lizards and owls. The faces pulled were hilarious.



In September 24 we had a very successful cub camp, utilising our own wonderful grounds (thanks to the service crew who keep the grounds beautifully maintained). We took the opportunity to complete the outdoor challenge which involved pioneering, shelter building, cubs cooking their own lunch on BBQs, wide games and much more, but not a lot of sleeping!

After the summer holidays Rebecca took on the responsibility of leading Remus pack until personal life pressures meant she had to leave the group in March 25. During this time the pack had visits from a magician, did their entertainers badge, had a street dance session, looked at personal, road, home and fire safety and much more. Many thanks to Rebecca for her enthusiasm and new ideas during her time with us.



We attended our annual Carol service. Remus pack learning a song and Romulus writing poems about those less fortunate than ourselves.

Lonly Christmas By Sebastian Naylor

Cold and lonely with no food
Homeless people face others being
Rude and mean.

Icy ~~know~~ pavements, too slippery for sleeping bags
Sad people crying
Tears from frost bite.
Make these people happier
And ~~sp~~ spread some joy by
Sharing a little gift for
Christmas.

Both packs took part in our district activity day and competitions – chess, sports day and the Barbara Hughes and Aston Trophies. Due to family commitments, it gets harder to find a team to take part in these events so my thanks to all those who volunteered to be part of our team. Each event is organised and run by a district lead and leaders from all groups, who give up their time at the weekends to make these events happen. It's great that we have the opportunity to meet up with other groups and participate in joint activities and competitions, so I urge our members to take these opportunities when they come before they die out due to lack of attendance.



It is with great pleasure that we presented Silver Awards (highest award available to cub scouts) to Lizzie O'Toole-Smart, Chloe Davies and Douglas Conlon-Rattcliff. To achieve this award takes dedication and drive so a huge BRAVO to you all.

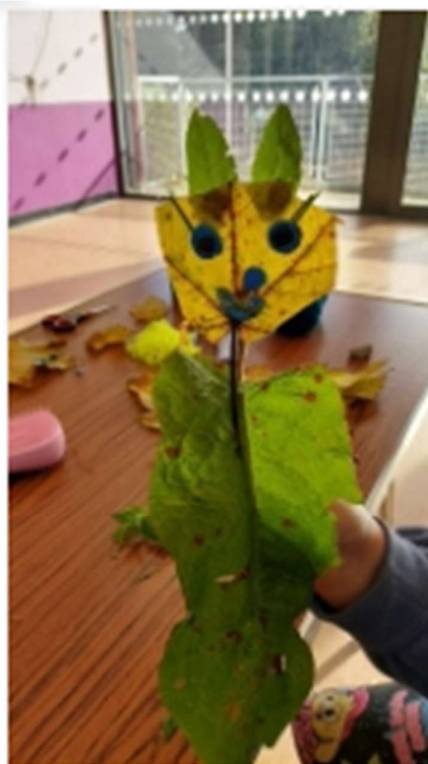


Of course, none of the above is possible without a dedicated leadership team. My thanks to Romulus Leaders: Debbie Gilpin (Hathi), Issy Brett (Baloo), Ben service (Kaa), Abi Gilpin (Rama) and young leader Edie O'Boyle and Remus Leaders: Rebecca Conlon-Rattcliff (Akela), Connor O'Neill, Victoria Armstrong (Bagheera) Charlotte Kirsten, Josh Kirsten, Freya Bradley (Dizzy), Daisy Gibbon and young leader Natalie Cooke.



And finally, thanks to all those who help make 5th Urmston a thriving, successful group. It takes a whole lot of time and effort to provide Scouting to our young people, but the rewards of volunteering are tenfold.

Liz Armstrong (Akela)



Scout Troop Report

Scouts have had a remarkably busy year this year with a strong troop running at full capacity! We've had quite a lot of new faces with our older cubs moving up through the group as well as saying goodbye to some of the older ones moving up to Explorers or to pastures new.

We have also celebrated several Chief Scout Gold Awards which is the highest award given to any Scout! Congratulations all!

Throughout the year we have run a myriad of fun, exciting and challenging programmes.

There has been a lot of cooking:



Learning about the local area whilst completing a night hike:



Competed in numerous district competitions, including bowling, football & cooking. No trophies to note but every competitor throughout the year showed grit and determination and done a phenomenal job representing the troop at a district event.



A significant amount of the troop took a Scout trip of a lifetime and visited Adelboden in Switzerland. A trip where everyone involved got to experience the beauty of Switzerland whilst flying down ziplines, trekking through caves, and eating Chef James' fantastic food!



Lastly our Artistic Leader Phil has worked hard to finish the artistic masterpiece now hung in the hall of the hut. The Troop started the painting several years ago as a post-covid activity with the scouts and Phil has worked tirelessly to finish it so it can take pride of place, BRAVO!



By no means last I would like to so say how thankful I am to the team on a Thursday 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, Jackie and Hannah.

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 Team Leader

Aquilifer Explorer Unit

“It is the long history of humankind (and animal kind, too) that those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed.”

Charles Darwin

The last year has been a significant turning point, not only with the way in which we have provided our Young People with an Explorer Scout offering, but indeed with the way this provision is now made within the wider setting of Urmston District Scouts. We have been running as a ‘joint’ section alongside Explorers from both Phoenix ESU (2nd Urmston) & Maverick ESU (8th Flixton), but we have now formalised the structure of this as a new Explorer Scout Unit operating at the District level, rather than being directly tied into any single, or multiple, Scout Groups. The identity of Unit 258 was drawn from our three points of origin, with both our new name and our new logo reflecting the heritage of where we came from and chosen by the Explorers themselves. Being able to combine the experience of the leaders from the three former Units, we have been able to ensure that we provide a regular meeting schedule in which our Young People are able to make progress towards a range of both staged badges and activity badges, which ultimately help them to progress towards earning their “Top Awards”.

With this in mind, I would like to share my heartfelt thanks to the Explorers themselves. These Young People have demonstrated their ability to collaborate and improvise, meeting at 2nd Urmston Scout Hut & other locations when we participate in joint meetings with the rest of the District ESUs. They stand shoulder-to-shoulder with their fellow Unit members, irrespective of what necker they wore when they moved up from a Scout Troop and work to lift one another such that we can all rise together. We have collaborated to refresh a community garden; been out for evening walks around Stretford & Urmston meadows; engaged in an evening of cycle maintenance & safety as preparation for a ride-out to Sale Water Park & back; had many a themed evening to introduce international foods, games, lifestyles and more. And of course, the Explorers are provided with a variety of opportunities to participate in nights away, be that ‘traditional’ camping or as a residential weekend; for fun or as a competition; and at all different times of year.

I truly owe a massive debt of thanks to the Team of Leaders at Phoenix ESU & 2nd Urmston, without whom this new chapter in the annals of Aquilifer ESU would not have been able to be written. Bev, Dave, Aisling, thanks for the lifeline. And thanks as well to the other Leaders who have provided their support along the way, notably Issy & Si. I would also like to formally welcome (back) a familiar face as we have recently invested Billy Horton, an Aquilifer Alumni, who has joined the Leader Team for Unit 258. Be sure to keep a look out for us, Unit 258 is growing & getting better with every adaptation, we shall indeed prevail!

It wouldn’t be a report from me if I failed to include this, so without further ado: “To the adventures awaiting, the challenges we’ll overcome, and the memories to be made for recall as campfire tales for years into the future!” Because we will share stories over a fire, laughing about the mishaps, and wondering how close to insanity we were thinking that “that” would be a good idea! Be sure to get in touch if you think you could bring something to this amazing mix, jump in & join us on a ride like no other!

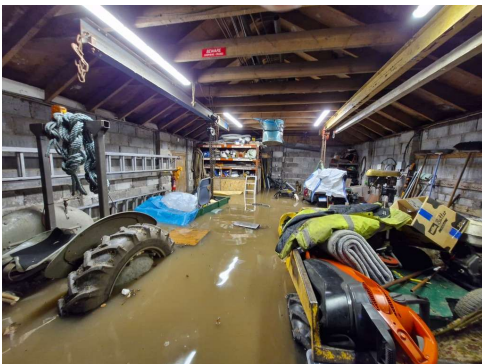
Matt Woodams, Explorer Team Leader

Service Crew Report

We have had another busy year at Service Crew, but I am pleased to say that we now have a good number of regular attendees turning up on a Monday evening (and on a Thursday for those with more time on their hands).

Over the course of the last 12 months the team have continued with the 'business as usual' type jobs, such as grass cutting, managing the campsite and woodland, keeping the brambles and ivy at bay, general maintenance of the HQ and outbuildings (repairs, painting etc).

We have also, however, had to contend with some significant challenges in needing to respond to the extensive flooding seen earlier in the year. I have included a couple of pictures showing the extent of the flooding in the AMS and Archery Range, which reached 1.2 metres, and caused extensive damage to the buildings and equipment. The flooding also badly affected the Toilet Block and damaged the gas tank.



As a result of the flooding, we have needed to strip down the engines of the tractor, dumper, mowers and other machinery and overhaul these at a significant cost in time and parts. Thankfully, owing to the skills of the team, we have not needed to replace this equipment which would have come at a cost that would have exceeded £20,000. The mess and thick mud left behind when the floods receded took many weeks to clean up and we have been considering how we might limit the damage from future flooding.

Earlier this year, also because of the heavy rains, the car parking area at the front of the HQ 'sprung a leak'. The service team dug down to discover a manhole cover 0.5m under the level of the car park which was overflowing. It turned out that this was surface water run-off from Queens Road and the surrounding roads which overflows into pipes running across our land and into the stream. United Utilities arranged for the repair of the pipes that were clogged with roots and have installed a new manhole cover. Hopefully we won't see a repeat of this.



One of the jobs the team need to routinely undertake is repairs to fencing. As you might imagine we have several people who are not connected with the group but come onto the land and there is fly tipping that takes place along the lane that needs to be cleared up. It is almost impossible to stop this, but having fencing in good repair can limit the numbers of people doing this.

Over the last year we have had repeated incidents of trees on the site being cut down, or partially cut, and left in a dangerous situation. We estimate that this has happened to circa 60 trees over the course of this year and the service team needs to make the damage safe. The damage has been reported to the police, and the group is looking into the costs of CCTV on site to maintain safety.



Over the summer months, we have been working to get the camping areas back under control, with grass cutting and brambles and ivy being cut back, and we are currently waging war on the sheer volume of Himalayan balsam that are multiplying at a fast rate. This job will continue and hopefully a large number can be removed before the plants start re-seeding. In addition, the group is tackling the Japanese knot weed that is on site. There are a small number of these plants but, as responsible landowners, we are taking this issue seriously and have put measures in place to tackle the problem.

A lot of you will remember Jonathan Platt - a long-time member of the group - who sadly and unexpectedly passed away in January 2022. In memory of Jonathan, donations were made that allowed the group to install a Defibrillator. This has been in place for the last couple of years but sadly has been missing a commemorative plaque remembering Jonathan and how we were able to put the defibrillator in place. I am pleased to say that this omission has now been rectified, and the plaque has been mounted next to the defibrillator on the outside of the building.



One of the jobs that we will need to tackle in the coming year is to replace the roof of the AMS and Lean-To. These rooves are leaking quite badly due to corrosion over the many years they have been in place, and we are looking into the cost to replace these in the Spring of 2026.

Looking after a site as extensive as 5th Urmston's takes a lot of time and energy and I'm extremely grateful to the volunteers who put their time and skills to good use looking after the house and grounds. This allows the leader team to get on with the important job of running programmes for

the young people who attend the group, without having to worry about the maintenance and safety of the onsite facilities. It also ensures that visitors to the group (for weekend camps or 'Music on the Meadows' for example) can see the site at its best.

We are always looking for volunteers to come and help with general and/or specialist skills that we can call on from time to time. If you would like to offer assistance, please can you email me at ServiceCrew@5thUrmstonScouts.com and I'd be happy to discuss the work we're doing (we're especially looking for a roofing contractor at the moment!).

Service Team Members:

Ian Carruthers	John Carruthers	Mark Counsell	Dan Easdon
Connor O'Neill	Eddie O'Neill	David Porter	Bill Scallon
John Thatcher	Brian Timms	Luch Visentin	Luke Winstanley

Chris O'Neill, Service Crew Team Leader

Quarter Master's Report

Firstly, I would like to thank Connor for all his years of service as Quartermaster.

Since taking over the mantle of Quartermaster, a little over a year ago I have created several new shelving units and rearranged the storage hopefully providing better access to equipment.

Leaders still have free access to the stores on the premise that they inform me of use (ideally before), return used items in the same or better condition than found and report any issues.

Unfortunately, camping takes a heavy toll on equipment, I currently have a long list of repairs and maintenance that is required, e.g. over 10 lightweight tents in need of repair, some of which will be beyond repair, axes need sharpening, bow saws need new blades and guards, new stoves need crates made to store them, water bottles need sterilising, plus more.

The stores room is overcrowded; decisions and rationalisation need to be made e.g. some kit is very large and unlikely to be used again whilst others are old and newer versions are available.

As there is equipment stored at height and potentially harmful equipment within stores, young people are currently not allowed in the stores. Over the last year the stores door has been found unlocked, therefore an additional snick lock has been installed so the door will lock automatically by the door closer.

The intention for the next year is to individually number all tents and marquees – this will aid packing and repairing. Do a full audit of stores equipment, repairing / replacing / removing as necessary. Improve communication with sections and improve 'after camp' sorting of equipment.

My thanks to all persons who have helped me over the year.

Ivan Easdon (5th Urmston Scouts Quartermaster)

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 Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £20,000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £96,000 against this at year end, £100,000 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 trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full Name(s):

Nicholas Theodosiou

Gary Armstrong

Position:

Chair

Group Lead Volunteer

Date:

08/08/2025

08/08/2025

Financial Statements

Period: 1ST APRIL 2024 TO 31ST MARCH 2025

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Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing accruals accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

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 (Aquilifer) Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 5th Urmston (Aquilifer) 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 (Aquilifer) 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.

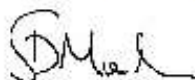
Independent examiner's statement

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 (Aquilifer) 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 Monks

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

Address: 23 Grangethorpe Road, Urmston, Manchester M41 9HT

Date: 24 July 2025

Statement of Income and Expenditure

	<u>2023/2024</u>		<u>2024/2025</u>		<u>2024/2025</u>		<u>2024/2025</u>		
	<u>Total</u>		<u>Restricted Funds</u>		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Total</u>		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
<u>GROUP INCOME</u>									
Rent	7,200.18				7,551.56		7,551.56		
Donations	1,924.00		1,092.00		6,201.77		7,293.77		
Interest Received	217.99				273.27		273.27		
Fundraising	6,347.46				5,031.30		5,031.30		
Gift Aid	2,869.51		3,255.84		-		3,255.84		
T-Shirts & Neckers	87.00				150.00		150.00		
Subscriptions	20,715.01				19,259.80		19,259.80		
		39,361.15		4,347.84		38,467.70		42,815.54	
		<u>39,361.15</u>	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR	<u>4,347.84</u>		<u>38,467.70</u>		<u>42,815.54</u>	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>									
Insurance	5,296.79				6,681.06		6,681.06		
Water	890.24				1,727.32		1,727.32		
Electricity	2,482.44				1,811.42		1,811.42		
Gas	1,205.02				1,781.79		1,781.79		
Telephone/Broadband/Website	479.40				515.40		515.40		
Repairs & Maintenance	6,076.76				11,012.23		11,012.23		
Waste	1,266.06				1,269.89		1,269.89		
Fundraising Expenses	2,291.47				2,130.67		2,130.67		
Capitation	7,847.50				7,935.00		7,935.00		
Badges and Regalia	698.50				1,413.60		1,413.60		
Postage, Printing and Stationery	35.18				-		-		
Training	-				420.00		420.00		
Legal & Professional Fees	360.00				-		-		
Bank Charges	277.80				271.30		271.30		
Section Equipment	179.28				55.86		55.86		
Section Activities	1,245.97				2,051.57		2,051.57		
T Shirts	38.32				85.80		85.80		
Adhoc Expenses	90.47				-		-		
Building Depreciation	7,439.61				7,439.61		7,439.61		
Equipment Depreciation	1,870.13				1,186.71		1,186.71		
		40,070.94	TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR		-	47,789.23		47,789.23	
	£ -	<u>709.79</u>	NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	£	<u>4,347.84</u>	£ -	<u>9,321.53</u>	£ -	<u>4,973.69</u>

Balance Sheet

2022/2023		NOTE			2024/2025		
£	£		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total		
				£	£		£
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>							
64,500.00		LAND - at valuation	2	64,500.00			
262,429.14		BUILDINGS - at WDV	3	254,989.53			
<u>3,257.35</u>		EQUIPMENT - at WDV	4	<u>3,137.31</u>			
	330,186.49						322,626.84
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>							
453.60		STOCK OF T-SHIRTS		-	367.80		367.80
113,795.86		CASH AT BANK	5	18,253.76	92,600.59		110,854.35
<u>11,669.61</u>		PREPAYMENTS & ACCRUED INCOME	6	-	9,135.23		9,135.23
<u>125,919.07</u>	125,919.07			<u>18,253.76</u>	<u>102,103.61</u>		<u>120,357.37</u>
<u>Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>							
3,314.72		ACCRUALS & DEFERRED INCOME	7		5,452.08		5,452.08
<u>10,685.00</u>		CAMP FEES			400.00		400.00
<u>13,999.72</u>	13,999.72				<u>-</u>		<u>5,852.08</u>
	111,919.35	NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)					114,505.28
	<u>442,105.84</u>						<u>437,132.12</u>

REPRESENTED BY:

382,215.62		CAPITAL ACCOUNT - Balance b/fwd		381,505.83			
- 709.79		- Net Income/(Expenditure) for the Year		- 4,973.70			
	381,505.83	- Balance c/fwd					376,532.12
	60,600.00	REVALUATION RESERVE					60,600.00
	<u>442,105.83</u>						<u>437,132.12</u>

Approved by the Trustee Board on 26th June 2025.

Signature(s)




Full Name(s):

Nicholas Theodosiou

Gary Armstrong

Position:

Chair

Group Lead Volunteer

Date:

Notes to the Financial Statements

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>2024/2025</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>
	£	£
Valuation/ Cost B/fwd	359,486.91	358,030.36
Additions		1,456.55
Valuation/Cost C/fwd	<u>359,486.91</u>	<u>359,486.91</u>
Accumulated Depreciation B/fwd	97,057.77	89,618.16
Charge for the Year	7,439.61	7,439.61
Accumulated Depreciation C/fwd	<u>104,497.38</u>	<u>97,057.77</u>
Net Book Value at 31st March 2025	<u>254,989.53</u>	<u>262,429.14</u>
Net Book Value at 31st March 2023	<u>262,429.14</u>	<u>268,412.20</u>

4 EQUIPMENT

	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>
	£	£
Valuation/Cost B/fwd	38,772.55	40,284.55
Additions	1,066.68	0.00
WIP		(1,512.00)
Valuation/Cost C/fwd	<u>39,839.23</u>	<u>38,772.55</u>
Accumulated Depreciation B/fwd	35,515.20	33,645.07
Charge for the Year	1,186.71	1,870.13
Disposal	0.00	0.00
Accumulated Depreciation C/fwd	<u>36,701.91</u>	<u>35,515.20</u>
Net Book Value at 31st March 2025	<u>3,137.32</u>	<u>3,257.35</u>
Net Book Value at 31st March 2024	<u>3,257.35</u>	<u>6,639.48</u>

5 CASH AT BANK

	2024/2025		2023/2024	
	restricted £	unrestricted £	restricted £	unrestricted £
<u>DEPOSIT ACCOUNT</u>				
Group Balances	-	16,579.83	-	15,214.56
	-	16,579.83	-	15,214.56
<u>CURRENT ACCOUNT</u>				
Capital Fund	14,562.20	-	9,306.36	-
In Memory	2,823.62		2,823.62	
Scout Kit	867.94			
Group Balances		76,020.76		86,451.32
	18,253.76	76,020.76	12,129.98	86,451.32
	18,253.76	92,600.59	12,129.98	101,665.88

6 PREPAYMENTS & ACCRUED INCOME

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

	2024/2025	2023/2024
Insurance	5,195.23	6,294.61
Capitation	-	-
Section Activities	85.00	35.00
Gift Aid	3,000.00	5,000.00
Rent	855.00	340.00
	9,135.23	11,669.61

7 ACCRUED EXPENSES & DEFERRED INCOME

Deferred income relates to income received in

	2024/2025	2023/2024
Section Activities	3,952.08	3,023.51
Waste	-	208.71
Cleaning	-	82.50
Water	-	-
District Camp 2025	1,500.00	-
Camp 2024 - Swiss Camp	400.00	10,685.00
	5,852.08	13,999.72