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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1 st	April	2025	To	31 st	March	2026

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

1 st Drumoak Scout Group
SC030900
New Leuchar, Angust Road, Skene, Westhill
Postcode AB31 6BT

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Phil Rattenbury	Group Scout Leader		
2	Stuart Woodburn	Chairperson		
3	Catriona Woodburn	Secretary		
4	Kym Allerdyce	Treasurer	until 31/10/2025	
5	Kristina Alex	Treasurer	from 01/08/2025	
6	Kelley Blackwood	Co-opted Member		
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Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
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Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The Group is a charitable unincorporated association. No formal constitution has been adopted by the Group and therefore the standard constitution as per the following link applies,

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/por/3-the-scout-group/324-the-constitution-of-the-scout-group>

Trustee recruitment and appointment

All the Group's trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at our annual general meeting, which is held in June each year.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

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

The Purpose of Scouting is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of the local, national and international communities.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The method of achieving our purpose lies in providing an enjoyable and attractive balanced programme of activities, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

We provide regular opportunities for children to learn, play and interact with each other and leaders who are appropriately qualified. To provide children with a wide range of experiences including camps, crafts, outdoor pursuits and skill-based learning.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

A review of this year's activities

Scouts

Phil Rattenbury (Group Scout Leader) gave a review for the Scouts

In the last 12 months our Scout section has a wide variety of different activities, with an emphasis on getting outside whenever weather permits. Activities have included fire craft and cookery both by campfire and Trangia, pioneering (bridge building and construction of camp structures such as tripods for cooking, shelters, etc, hiking, with a walk up Bennachie as a highlight.

More recently we supported the local rotary club's annual car rally by covering the car park marshalling as we did last year, but this year we were further involved in marketing and executing the event. This was great from the perspective of community service and volunteering, but will hopefully also contribute substantially to Group funds for the year. Indoor sessions have included several craft projects. A highlight was a leather working project where younger Scouts made their woggles and the older ones were able to take on other projects such as key rings while a few of the more adventurous ones made collars for their dogs. We have also focused on first aid in recent terms, with most Scouts in the section having achieved an equivalent to a First Responder first aid certificate.

We have managed to hold overnight events in most terms, including a joint summer camp at Braemar with the rest of Deeside District, a sleepover at Skyline trampoline park with a neighbouring scout group (1st Torphins), and ten of our older Scouts went on a week long sailing trip with the OYT off the west coast of Scotland during the summer holidays. We also made use of the Sir Arthur Grant Centre in Monymusk for a weekend early in the year before weather was really suitable for camping outdoors.

Cubs (2 groups)

Kelley Blackwood gave a review for the Tuesday Cubs (started October 2025)

The success of our Scouting program has been such that we started a second Cubs group as well as a Beavers group to accommodate the growing interests of the children in our community.

We make it a point to have some shared sessions with the wider Drumoak Scouting Group, such as our annual ice skating event, night

hike/campfire/carols at Christmas. We also aim to have a mixed camp with the other Cub group at least once a year. Our joint camp this year was at the Sir Arthur Grant Center and was much enjoyed by everyone.

In addition to our work towards all the challenge badges, we've had a focus on several activity badges over the last few terms, particularly Money Skills, DIY, Animal Carer, Naturalist, Entertainer, Chef, Collector and Hobby, and the Scottish Thistle Award.

Ruari Campbell gave a review for the Wednesday Cubs

The year has been a busy year for the Cubs section, we managed 3 camps over the course of the year an indoor spring Camp at Skyline with the Beavers and Maryculter Cubs and a summer camp again with our Beavers and Tuesday night colleagues at Knockburn where we utilised the on site facilities to get the Cubs paddleboarding as part of their watersports badge. Our final camp of the year, we went to a residential centre where we worked on camp/bushcraft skills and astronomy identification. At our "normal" sessions, we have done a lot of work on navigation, a couple of practical first aid sessions, general bushcraft, shelter building, nature walks, problem solving, astronomy, bike skills & maintenance, fire safety & how fireworks work as well as understanding the importance of charities and how our Cubs group use them. This included a trip to the air ambulance hanger to look around the 2 aircraft. We have finished the year off with some seasonal fundraising activities which have involved the cubs building and decorating Christmas Trees to sell for funds. In addition as the weather permits, we have done multiple mountain bike sessions at the local trails and various tracking/ambush sessions in nearby woodland. After a period of relative stability in numbers, The end of the financial year saw a number of cubs move up to scouts all with their Silver award.

Beavers (2 groups)

Sam Fletcher gave a review for the Tuesday Beavers (started October 2025)

This year we opened another Beavers section, during this time we have spent our sessions getting to know our new beavers while exploring a range of activities. We have participated in adventurous activities such as paddle boarding, den building, navigation and campfire cooking. We joined in with Cubs and Scouts for an ice skating session, Remembrance ceremony and we enjoyed a night hike ending with hot chocolate and Christmas Carols around a campfire. We have done many activities this half year whilst working towards our badges. We have spent a lot of time outdoors exploring the Crathes Estate, Drum Estate and Durris woods. We also celebrated Burns Night and the Chinese New Year. Beavers enjoyed working towards their emergency aid badge, having a go at some science experiments, listening to a talk from the SSPCA, making bird feeders and participating in a range of craft activities! Through it all, they had many wonderful opportunities to build friendships and develop teamworking skills.

Kelley Blackwood & Amy McLay gave a review for the Wednesday Beavers

Kelley Blackwood (April 2025 - September 2025): Beavers participated in adventurous activities such as sailing, mountain biking and paddle boarding and joined in with Cubs and Scouts for an ice skating session, bowling and AGM with a wide range of games

They enjoyed 3 overnight experiences, the first at a trampoline park with Cubs and Beavers from a neighboring section, a Summer Camp at Knockburn Loch with Cubs, and a 1st Drumoak Beavers only camp at Knockiehill Woodland Center. They have worked on many skills over the year including navigation, pioneering, gardening and cooking and have spent a lot of time outdoors exploring the Crathes Estate, Drum Estate and Durris woods.

They focused on learning about their community and how they could support it (they visited a farm, a fire station, the gardens of Drum Estate, they participated in a litter pick, the Big Garden Birdwatch and completed maintenance in a community garden). They also had an opportunity to learn a little something about the weather from our local meteorologist.

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Amy McLay (October 2025 - March 2026): Over this period, our Wednesday Beaver programme combined adventurous activities such as ice skating and tubing with regular outdoor visits to castles and local woodland, helping Beavers build confidence, teamwork, and practical outdoor skills. Community involvement, including planting strawberries and painting a shed in local school garden, encouraged responsibility and a sense of contribution, while visits from a guide dog puppy in training and the SSPCA contributed towards our Animal Friends badge. Celebrations of cultural and historical events, such as Chap Goh Meh and Burns Night, alongside participation in a local Remembrance ceremony, broadened their awareness of traditions and community values. Indoor sessions, including Christmas crafts and talks and activities on money management and healthy lifestyles, supported creativity and introduced important life skills. Our Beavers have had such a varied and fun few months - with lots of learning thrown in too!

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Group held unrestricted funds of £8111.01 in the bank account.

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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Other optional information

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) Signed: Kristina Alex



Signed: Phil Rattenbury



Full name(s) Kristina Alex

Phil Rattenbury

Position (e.g. Chair) Treasurer

Group Scout Leader

Date 3rd August 2026

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