1st West Lothian Sea Scout Group

Annual Report & Accounts

Year Ending 31 March 2026

Charity No. SC024347

The Executive Committee have pleasure in presenting their report along with the accounts and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Name & Address

The Group's Name is the 1st West Lothian Sea Scout Group and it is based at Woodcockdale Stables, Lanark Road, Linlithgow. Contact is c/o the Group Lead Volunteer at 33 Nicolton Ave, Brightons, Falkirk FK2 0TP

Constitution & Purpose

The Scout Group is constituted in terms of the Rules of The Scout Association, which is a charitable body incorporated by Royal Charter. The Group is a registered Scottish Charity - No SC024347.

The purpose of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The method of achieving the aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Trustees

Tim Armour	Chair	
Stephen Fisher	Treasurer	Resigned 03/06/2026
Jon Norton	Treasurer	Appointed 25/07/2025
Gillian Smith	Group Lead Volunteer	
Cheralynne Lambe	Trustee Board Member	
Therese MacNeil	Trustee Board Member	
Fiona Peterson	Trustee Board Member	
Tamsin Hooker	Trustee Board Member	
John Laurie	Trustee Board Member	Appointed 25/03/2026

Trustees are recruited and appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules ("POR") of the Scout Association.

Activities & Achievements

All sections are running well, with numbers slightly lower than before due to slight issues with Leader numbers. Beavers once again took part in District events, Jambowlree & Potted Sports as well as many fun weekly activities, with all achieving Chief Scout Bronze before they moved up to Cubs. Cubs had a great year attending District camp, Night in the Museum camp and The Howling for the first time! Also fun weekly activities to make sure that most achieved their Chief Scout Silver award. Scouts had a great time attending lots of camps, Summer, PL/APL, Brass Monkey, District Exped, Night at the Museum, Christmas & Regatta where we were overall winners (with Explorers & Leaders) for a record breaking 7th time in a row! Most also achieved their Chief Scout Gold. Explorers also had a very busy year, training towards their paddle Expeditions, culminating in a successful expedition of the Great Glen Way (Fort William to Inverness) for their Duke of Edinburgh Gold award (& several top Scouting awards). The Trustee Board once again supported the Group with money to support all the activities & the ongoing hall & grounds maintenance.

Looking forward

We are trying to recruit more adult leaders, especially for the younger sections, as well as help with hall maintenance & Trustee Board positions. Our new Treasurer has done a great job setting us up with a new bank account to give more visibility of our accounts & use of OSM for parents subs & camp payments so we can make sure we are in a healthy financial position going forward, to pay for leader training, hall maintenance & providing exciting & varied programmes for all the sections.

Reserves Policy

The designated reserves have been increasaed to £6k to cover insurance, safety checks and capitation for a year.

Approved by the Group Executive Committee on 16 July 2026 and signed on its behalf by:-

Tim Armour
Group Chair



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 1st West Lothian Sea Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the 1st West Lothian Sea Scout Group ("the Group") for the year ended 31 March 2026 which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations"). The Group's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with the Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group and a comparison of the accounts presented with the those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the 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:-

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements
(a) to keep accounting records in accordance with the Regulations, and
(b) to prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the

have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Alix McFarlane, Financial Controller (CIMA)

1st West Lothian Sea Scout Group
Statement of Balances : Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Note	2025 / 26		2024 / 25	
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Income					
Subscriptions		15,303		11,479	
Donations	**3**	4,607		2,817	
Fund-Raising Activites		1,144		0	
Group Activities					
Scout Programme Events		5,911		5,746	
Investment Income					
Bank Interest		214		192	
Total			**27,179**		**20,234**
PAYMENTS					
Capitation - District and Regional Scouts		3,296		3,465	
Programme Activities		10,870		7,143	
Badges & Uniform		743		1,072	
Leader Training		100		189	
Power & Water		3,369		3,369	
Insurance (includes equipment)		1,641		1,794	
Repairs & Maintenance		1,989		1,438	
Equipment Costs		1,438		566	
Independent Examination	**4**	0		600	
Total			**23,446**		**19,636**
Surplus / (Deficit) for year			**3,733**		**598**

	2025 / 26	2024 / 25
	£	£
Cash & Bank Balances (Unrestricted) :		
Opening balance	10,490	9,892
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	3,733	598
Closing Balance	**14,223**	**10,490**
Represented By :		
Bank Current Account	14,223	9,891
Cash in Hand	0	0
Closing Balance	**14,223**	**9,891**
Reserves :		
General Funds	8,223	6,391
Designated Reserve Fund	6,000	3,500
Closing Balance	**14,223**	**9,891**

All funds are unrestricted.

Other Assets :		
Marine equipment, procured in 2026 and depreciating over 5 years	1,150	
Marine equipment, procured in 2025 and depreciating over 5 years	425	566
Marine equipment, procured in 2023 and depreciating over 5 years	1,146	1,528
	2,721	**2,094**

The Group owns a quantity of camping and other outdoor equipment which has been acquired over a number of years.

The Group leases the Scout Hall and land at Woodcockdale Stables, Lanark Road, Linlithgow from West Lothian Council. The lease was renegotiated in 2016. The new lease started on 1 April 2017 and is agreed to expire in 2042 . The rent is £6,100, reduced to £nil per annum due to a community benefit concession. The next rent review is now overdue but as a result of community benefit concession is not expected to have a material impact on the financial position of the Group.

Notes :

The notes on Page 5 form an integral part of these Accounts.

Approved by the Group Executive Committee on 16 July 2026 and signed on its behalf by :



Signed : ..... , Group Treasurer Date : 16th September 202

Jon Norton



Signed: ..... , Group Chair Date : 16th September 202

Tim Armour

Note			
1	**Funds**		
	The Group maintains a single undesignated general fund for all its financial transactions.		
	No restricted funds were received.		
2	**Trustees Remuneration & Expenses**		
	The Trustees did not receive any remuneration.		
		20245 / 26	**2024 / 25**
		£	**£**
3	**Donations**		
	Camping Donations	640	1,681
	General Donations	242	0
	Round Table	200	
	Edrington giving more scheme	3,450	0
	Donation from parent	0	1,136
		4,532	**2,817**
4	**Independent Examination**		
	Independent Examination 2023-24	0	300
	Independent Examination 2024-25	0	300
		0	**600**
	The expected fee for the 2024-26 Examination is £300		
5	**Reserves Policy**		
	There is a designated reserve fund of £6k to cover the annual scout capitation fees, annual insurance, fire inspections and alarm maintenance.		
	This has been increase from the £3.5k last year that just covered the annual scout capitation fees.		