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Eyemouth Scout Group

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Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31st March 2026



Remembrance Day 2025

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The Trustee Board has pleasure in presenting this report together with the financial statements and independent examiner's report for the year ending 31st March 2026.

Name and Address:

Eyemouth Scout Group may be contacted at:
Eyemouth Community Centre, Albert Road, Eyemouth, Berwickshire, TD14 5DE

Constitution and Purpose:

The Scout Group is constituted in accordance with the terms of the policy, organisation and rules of The Scout Association which is a charitable body incorporated by Royal Charter. Eyemouth Scout Group is registered with The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), Registration Number SC035204. The purpose of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and members of their local, national and international communities. The method of achieving the aims of The Scout Association is by providing a safe, enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based on the Scout Promise and Law under the guidance of an adult leadership.

Secretary: Helen Bain

Trustees:

Group Lead Volunteer	Steve Jones
Group Chair	David Halpin
Group Treasurer	Alice Snowden
Trustees	Jenni Robinson, Jo Moulin, Andy Haddow, Marnie-Jane Liddle, Katie Lindores, Andy Frost

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

Section Team Members and Leaders:

Scouts & Explorers	Andy Haddow, Steve Jones, Andrew Wilson, Martin Curran, Eddie Barrowman
Cubs	Carl McGuire, Charles Fisher, Robert King, Evie Barrowman, Gregg Smith, Rob Douglass
Beavers	Caroline White, Joanne Redden, Gill Locke, Alisdair Hamilton, Finley Redden
Squirrels	Caroline White, Jo Moulin, Lianne Drummond

Reserves Policy:

The Trustees believe that, as far as possible, around three months of annual expenditure (excluding camps) is an appropriate level of reserves to cover the timing differences between receipts and payments and to allow for any unexpected items of expenditure. Attendance subscriptions made by young people attending weekly meetings are accrued and paid into the Group's bank account to help pay yearly subscriptions to The Scout Association in February of each year (£60 per person in Jan 2026) covering levies to The Scout Association (including public liability insurance for all registered individuals – leaders and children), South East Scotland Scout Region (Scottish Charity Number SCO10563) who run and maintain offices in Valleyfield Street, Edinburgh and Borders District Scout Council (Scottish Charity Number SCO08565) who co-ordinate all activities and leader training in the Scottish Borders. Approved by the Trustee Board on 24 August 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

David Halpin

David Halpin, Group Chair
Eyemouth Scout Group

Alice Snowden

Alice Snowden, Group Treasurer
Eyemouth Scout Group

Group Chair Report 2026

The past year has marked steady progress with the ongoing implementation of the Trustees Board and the Group Leadership Team, both of which remain closely focused on strengthening governance and ensuring the smooth operation of our sections. While navigating this path has presented occasional challenges, heartfelt praise is due to everyone whose dedication has made this year a resounding success.

Among the many highlights, we celebrated a successful Group Camp, a memorable Cubs trip to Murrayfield to watch Scotland play the USA, and the presentation of several top awards across our Squirrels, Beavers, and Cubs sections. Additionally, we hit a vital milestone with more parent helpers becoming PVG registered—details of which are shared in the section reports below.

None of these achievements would be possible without the volunteers who power our group. To sustain this momentum, we urgently need to fill vacancies across our Trustees Board, leadership teams, parent helper cohorts, and fundraising committees. If you are interested in supporting the development of our young people, please reach out to us for more information.

Lastly, managing our finances remains an ongoing priority. Like many organizations, our funds are tightly allocated, and a lack of sufficient funding directly impacts the activities we can offer. If you are eligible and have not yet signed up for Gift Aid, please consider doing so, as it makes a substantial difference to our community.

David Halpin

David Halpin, Group Chair

September 2026

Group Lead Volunteer Report 2026



Our Group continues to thrive because of you. Every achievement this year reflects the dedication of our leaders, volunteers and families.

2025–2026 has been another year packed with activity, progress and achievement across Eyemouth Scout Group. Every section has pushed hard toward top awards, while also taking part in an impressive range of adventures. Our Group Camp brought all sections together (plus a thunderstorm for good measure), and our young people came away with great experiences and even greater stories. A special thank you to Caroline for organising it so brilliantly.

You'll find more detail in the individual section reports, but the headline is simple: it's been another outstanding year.

Of course, what happens on a Tuesday night doesn't happen by magic. Behind the scenes, a huge amount of work keeps the Group running smoothly. Our Trustees continue to provide strong governance and oversight. The subs you pay cover essential running costs such as National Scout fees and hall hire, while fundraising enables us to do more and keep camp and trip costs down. Countless volunteers support administration, equipment, communication and logistics. At the sharp end, our section leaders deliver programmes that build confidence, skills and meaningful experiences that prepare our young people for life — all while having fun in an environment that never stops evolving.

Planning meetings, safeguarding updates, training sessions, risk assessments, online admin, and the thousand small tasks nobody ever sees – they all add up. On behalf of you, the Group Scout Council, thank you for your time, your patience and your commitment. The continuing success of Eyemouth Scout Group is the direct result of your efforts.

We need more volunteers to support our young people – whether as trustees, leaders, or by taking on specific projects such as minibus replacement, helping check kit, grant

applications, or helping ensure no young person is excluded due to financial hardship. If you can lend a hand, even in a small way, you'll be helping us keep Eyemouth Scout Group truly "**A Place to Belong.**"

Steve

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Steve Jones, Group Lead Volunteer
September 2026

Squirrels

Eyemouth Squirrel Drey, with 12 Squirrels and a leadership team that grew from two to three Leaders in August 2025, awarded six Chief Scout's Acorns during the year. One Young Leader completed their Missions and received their Young Leader Belt. Events included two nights away at the Eyemouth Group Camp at Ford and a Squirrel Sleepover at Whitsome Village Hall, as well as a joint Disney Day hosted by Dunbar Squirrels and a visit to the pantomime at Berwick. Squirrels have enjoyed trying lots of new skills through badge work for navigation, let it grow, super chef, space explorer, story time, Scottish Thistle and let's celebrate.

BEAVERS

Eyemouth Beaver Colony has been growing from strength to strength in the last year, we now have 18 beavers, 3 Young Leaders and now 4 regular leaders, with Alisdair Hamilton joining us as a new leader in January. We have awarded 6 Chief Scouts Bronze Awards this year and one of our Young Leaders has also worked really hard to complete his Young Leader Belt.

The highlight of summer term 2025 was a fantastic group camp at Ford Scout Camp, with many beavers spending their first night away from home and first night in a tent! During the weekend we had a very warm hike, a trip on Heatherslaw Light Railway with the squirrel and cub sections and a rather impressive thunder and lightning storm, which all beavers slept through! As well as having fun the Beavers also learnt new skills, putting up their own tents, helping cook and clean during the weekend.

September saw us coming together with colonies from across the Borders for a day of new friendships and outdoor activities at Bowhill. Beavers got to have a go at pond dipping, bug hunting, orienteering, den building and soft archery/axe throwing as well as spending time together in the adventure playground. In the run up to Christmas we enjoyed visits to Eyemouth Police Station and Eyemouth Lifeboat Station to complete our safety badge. We also had a tour of Giacopazzi's Ice Cream Factory where we got to learn how the ice cream is made as well as sampling some- yum!

Finally last term we worked towards our skills challenge badge as well as the communicator and creative activity badges. We had a fitness evening with a local fitness instructor, made some colourful fruit kebabs and also tried meditation.

Our Cub Pack has enjoyed an action-packed and memorable year, with 17 Cubs now in the section as we continue to grow. Highlights included our All-Sections Camp, a fantastic trip to Murrayfield to witness Scotland's highest-ever victory there, and a strong commitment to community service through beach cleaning and painting local benches and tables. The Cubs also embraced the outdoors with regular hikes, bush craft sessions, and a wide range of activities celebrating Scottish heritage. We were delighted to see several Cubs achieve their Silver Award over the past year, including three in the most recent term. While we said goodbye to Charlie Fisher, we were pleased to welcome Rob Douglass, who brings a wealth of experience from many years in Scouting and has already become a great asset to the Pack.

Over the last year we've seen all the leaders continue to settle into their roles helping with both Scouts and Explorers as needed. A huge thank you to Steve, Andrew, Martin and Eddie who all bring lots of enthusiasm as well great ideas to the Scout programme. Over the year we have had 15 Scouts involved in the programme with a handful of folk on the waiting list awaiting the right age to be part of the troop.

Over the year the Scouts have enjoyed bushcraft skills, sports nights, time helping with the Reston Riverside Project and many other activities providing a mix of education, fun, and community spirit. Alongside these activities many others, including the tent pitching, knife skills, navigation and outdoor cooking, allowed Scouts to develop essential skills for their scouting journey. The bonfire night in Ayton at the start of our year in April, the international nights run by the Explorers and working on building and painting Warhammer models were highlights, enriching our interactions and learning experiences. The end of term Nerf War in the local church was also a great fun way to finish our year before Easter. Our Scouts also took part in a Brass Monkey camp (in the snow!) at Bonaly Scout Camp.

Between the group camp in June and another Brass Monkey camp in February we now have a Scout leader with their Nights Away permit and others are working towards theirs. Looking ahead, we are excited for the upcoming Spring camp, which promises new experiences at the first May bank holiday weekend. This year has seen significant

individual activities and achievements within the Scouts, several notable moments that reflect the dedication of both the youth and the leaders involved. Three Scouts participated in an Ocean Youth Trust event sailing for 10 days over the Easter holidays, fostering their skills and experiences in a unique setting. Additionally, three scouts are also signed up for the Haarlem Jamborette, promising enriching opportunities ahead. We also celebrated the commendation award received by our section leader, recognising their contributions and commitment to not just to the Scout Troop, but the wider Group.

Finally, we extend our gratitude to the Scouts themselves for their enthusiasm and spirit, which make our time together enjoyable. A heartfelt thank you to the parents for their continued support, and to all the volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to support our group. With each passing year, we grow stronger and look forward to what lies ahead as we continue to foster a spirit of adventure and learning in scouting.

EXPLORERS

Our Explorer Unit embraced the challenge of running activities for the Scouts to help them achieve badges. They also worked as a team to organise their own activities including how to budget, menu-planning for camp, a night hike and first aid skills. Two Explorers attended a District Bass Monkey Camp, and five Explorers took part in the Young Leaders' Scheme, providing valuable support and acting as positive role models to our younger sections.

Treasurer's Report 2026

	Explorers	Scouts	Cubs	Beavers	Squirrels	Group	TOTAL
Balance 1.4.25	£ 2,792.46	£ 4,677.96	£ 763.82	£ 600.69	£ 594.78	£4,066.08	**£ 13,495.79**
Income 25-26	£ 590.40	£ 1,187.00	£ 805.00	£ 1,043.00	£ 772.50	£16,772.87	**£ 21,170.77**
Expenditure 25-26	-£ 653.24	-£ 897.49	-£ 857.71	-£ 725.04	-£ 736.60	-£13,854.30	**-£ 17,724.38**
Balance 31.03.26	**£ 2,729.62**	**£ 4,967.47**	**£ 711.11**	**£ 918.65**	**£ 630.68**	**£6,984.65**	**£ 16,942.18**

NB £1,281.30 of the £6,984.65 in group funds is restricted grant money to be spent on our next group camp. **£5,703.35 = unrestricted group funds at 31.3.26.**

Subs and Census

We had 11 Squirrels, 19 Beavers, 15 Cubs, 15 Scouts and 9 Explorers registered at the January 2026 census = total 69 young people.

Census fees paid January 2026: £60 per young person (this was £58 in 2025). This pays our membership to the following organisations:
£44 National (The Scout Association)
£4 Scotland
£7.50 SE Scotland region
£5 Borders district
-£0.50 for prompt payment

Fundraising and Donations

We held two fundraising coffee mornings; May 2025 (VE day theme £815.58), and Feb 2026 (£696.58).

We received £57.78 from our Easyfundraising account - the easiest way to support the group! Online shopping done via the app or easyfundraising website generates donations paid to the group AT NO EXTRA COST! Search and select 'Eyemouth Scout Troop' as your cause. www.easyfundraising.org.uk

We would like to record our gratitude to the following donors: Jim Clark rally marshalls (£110), Coldfest (£75), Coldingham Gala committee (£600), and a number of families making personal donations totalling £246.82. We are extremely grateful.

We benefitted from two grants during 25-26; £329.31 Benefit fund (enabling us to buy our printer) and £1,200 Generation cashback funding from Scouts Scotland.

Gift Aid

We received the following payments during the 2025-26 financial year:

2023/24 subs from one section	£237.50
2024/25 subs from five sections	£1,136.99
GASDS* from coffee morning donations	£274.15

GASDS* from collection tins £20.61

*GASDS = gift aid from small donations scheme - an additional bonus for us! This UK scheme allows charities to claim a 25% top-up on small cash or contactless donations without requiring individual Gift Aid declarations.

Gift aid enables us to claim an extra 25p per £1 on subs and donations, which makes a huge difference to our finances over the year. Any families who have not yet filled in the gift aid declaration on OSM, please do so if you are able, it takes just a moment. For assistance please ask leaders or email treasurer@eyemouthscoutgroup.org.uk

Minibus

Our minibus continues to form a large proportion of our expenses (£2,014.05 in 25/26; insurance £993.32, tax £360, permit, maintenance and fuel £660.73) but having it located here in Eyemouth enables us to give our young people experiences not possible otherwise.

Reminder: we are now able to make our minibus available for hire to other local groups with a section 19 permit; email jenni.robinson@eyemouthscoutgroup.org.uk for more details.

Alice

Alice Snowden, Group Treasurer
September 2026

Eyemouth Scout Group
SC 035204
Receipts & Payments Account
Year ended 31st March 2026

	General Funds 2026	Designated Funds Explorers 2026 (Note)	Designated Funds Sections 2026 (Note)	Total Funds 2026	Total Funds 2025
Receipts					
Subscriptions	5,010.00	--	--	5,010.00	5,490.00
Section Income	--	590.40	3,807.50	4,397.90	8,937.70
Donations	2,561.13	--	--	2,561.13	400.92
Fund Raising Activities	1,571.94	--	--	1,571.94	1,663.77
Gift Aid	1,669.40	--	--	1,669.40	1,052.36
Misc, Including Uniforms	130.00	--	--	130.00	246.31
Transport Income	385.40	--	--	385.40	306.20
Camp Income	4,399.00	--	--	4,399.00	--
Christmas Activities	284.00	--	--	284.00	696.00
Total Receipts	16,010.87	590.40	3,807.50	20,408.77	18,793.26
Payments					
Subscriptions (note)	3,600.00	--	--	3,600.00	3,538.00
Section Expenses	--	653.24	3,216.84	3,870.08	7,134.76
Badges/Banners/Uniforms	204.66	--	--	204.66	538.04
Sundries	245.69	--	--	245.69	334.03
Minibus Account	1,047.29	--	--	1,047.29	891.85
Insurance	1,586.01	--	--	1,586.01	1,509.87
Hall Hire	1,745.33	--	--	1,745.33	1,577.02
Christmas Activities	882.89	--	--	882.89	625.55
Fund Raising Expenses	127.75	--	--	127.75	113.16
Camp	3,117.70	--	--	3,117.70	160.00
Training	95.65	--	--	95.65	581.00
Equipment added	439.33	--	--	439.33	--
	13,092.30	653.24	3,216.84	16,962.38	17,003.30
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	2,918.57	(62.84)	590.66	3,446.39	1,789.96

Eyemouth Scout Group
Statement of Balances
for the year ended 31st March 2026

	General Funds 2026	Designated Funds Explorers 2026 (Note)	Designated Funds Sections 2026 (Note)	Total Funds 2026	Total Funds 2025
Opening Balance	4,066.08	2,792.46	6,637.25	13,495.79	11,705.83
Surplus/Deficit for year	2,918.57	(62.84)	590.66	3,446.39	1,789.96
Closing Balance	6,984.65	2,729.62	7,227.91	16,942.18	13,495.79
Represented by:					
Bank Balances -					
Bank of Scotland	6,984.65	2,729.62	7,227.91	16,942.18	13,495.79
	6,984.65	2,729.62	7,227.91	16,942.18	13,495.79

Notes

a) Other Assets:
The Group purchased a Nissan Intrastar Minibus on 4th October 2010 for £18,330. Current market value has been estimated at £245, using as a basis a depreciation rate of 25% on a reducing balance basis.

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

The equipment and the minibus, owned by the group, are insured.

Liabilities:
The Group has no other material liabilities or obligations.

Subscriptions:
Subscriptions of £3,600 paid in March 2026 to District Scout Council and Scout Headquarters relate to the Scouting year 2026/2027.

Replacement Minibus Fund - Vehicle Purchased on 4th October 2010:
The Group was grateful to 'Awards for All' for a grant of £10,000 towards the cost of the minibus purchased in October 2010.

Designated Funds - Explorers
The transactions of the Eyemouth Scout Explorers Group are held within Eyemouth Scout Group and are treated as designated funds.

Designated Funds - Sections
The transactions of each section of the Group are recorded separately and treated as individual Designated Funds as follows:

	Opening Balance	Section Income	Section Expenses	Surplus/ (Deficit) for year	Closing Balance
Scouts	4,677.96	1,187.00	(897.49)	289.51	4,967.47
Cubs	763.82	805.00	(857.71)	(52.71)	711.11
Beavers	600.69	1,043.00	(725.04)	317.96	918.65
Squirrels	594.78	772.50	(736.60)	35.90	630.68
	6,637.25	3,807.50	(3,216.84)	590.66	7,227.91

b) Related Parties
During the year payments totalling £2,795.40 were paid to six Trustees, in respect of expenses paid on behalf of the Group. Payment made to Trustees on behalf of the Group in 2024/25 totalled £2,521.02.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 24 August 2026 and signed on their behalf by

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(Chairperson)

.....
(Treasurer)

Eyemouth Scout Group
SC 035204
Report of the Independent Examiner

I report on the accounts of the Eyemouth Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2026 which are set out on the foregoing 3 pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations 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 Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with 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 the course of my examination no matter has come to my attention

1 - which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts

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.

Signed: .....

G.H. Young BA. CA.
c/o Rennie Welch LLP
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Shedden Park Road
Kelso
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28/5/26

We would like to record many grateful thanks to George Young, Chartered Accountant at Rennie Welch in Kelso for approving the accounts for us once again this year. We are very grateful for his assistance.