



4th/85th Dunblane Scout Group

Annual Report & Financial Statements

for the

Year ended 31 March 2026

Approved by the Group Executive Committee on 27/08/26 and signed on its behalf by:-

Helen Hopper - Group Treasurer

Charity No SC031040

4th/85th Dunblane Scout Group

Trustees Annual Report

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

Name & Address

The Group's Name is the 4th/85th Dunblane Scout Group and it may be contacted at Scout Hall, Ochloch Park, Dunblane, FK15 0DU.

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. SC031040) and uses the Scout's Policy, Organisation and Rules ("POR") - Scottish variation as its constitution.

Trustees	Position	Note
Vacant	Chairperson	
Liz Burtley	Secretary	Resigned spring 2026
Eleanor Maly	Secretary	appointed august 2026
Helen Hopper	Treasurer	
Kenneth McDonald	Group Scout Leader	
Euan Dytch	TBC	
Andrea Partridge	Executive Trustee Member / Fundraising	Resigned autumn 2025
Group Committee Member	Position	Note
Vacant	Assistant Group Scout Leader	
Jana Tjhuis-Maritz	Fundraising Coordinator	
Shona Baird	Gift Aid Administrator	
Christina Stewart	Membership Coordinator	
Donna Redfern	Maintenance Coordinator	

People Changes & Volunteers

The position of Chairperson remains vacant. Eleanor Maly joins us as Fundraising co-ordinator. We successfully recruited some adult volunteers to the group to support the sections. Trustees are recruited and appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules ("POR") of the Scout Association.

As always, throughout the year, we have been gratefully supported by parent volunteers at section meetings and fund raising events.

Activities & Achievements

During the year the Group has continued to deliver the Scout Programme for the benefit of the young people from the communities of Dunblane, Kinbuck, Ashfield, Greenloaning and Braco and the number of children involved totals over 160 young people from the FK postal code area.

Charity Donations

The group supports local charities with fundraising and donations were made to:

- Dunblane Development Fund
- Ochil Mountain Rescue
- Start Up Stirling
- Strathcarron Hospice
- Scottish Fire and Rescue
- Home Start Stirling

Capital Costs and Maintenance Requirements

Key Maintenance requirements:

- Upgrade all toilets cisterns in the hall - Complete
- Replace the Scout Hall Kitchen including upgrades to Electrical work - On going
- Repair work to some windows
- Investment required for vermin control on going
- Repair work to plumbing throughout the building
- Fitting of a bouldering wall with structural engineer support - not started

Capital Spends: 6 Tents were purchased for the group

Financial management

We start the 25/26 year with one group account and each section has Go Cardless accounts credited for them to manage 'operational' costs for each of their sections as required. All sections are now operating this way.

All Parent Payments will be paid directly into the group account. The group will pay for all non-operational costs and ensure the running of the Scout hall is managed.

Utility costs have been negotiated resulting in a much better rate for the group.

There were no Subscription increases this FY. They remain at £35 per term

Reserves Policy

The Trustees believe it is appropriate to maintain a reserve equivalent to at least one year's annual payments in order to cover the timing differences between receipts and payments and also to allow for any unexpected items of expenditure in respect of the Group's premises.

Approved by the Group Executive Committee on 27th August 2026 and signed on its behalf by:-

Treasurer

Helen Hopper

4th/85th Dunblane Scout Group

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 4th/85th Dunblane Scout Group

I report on the financial statements of the 4th/85th Dunblane Scout Group ("the Group") for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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 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 Regulations have not been met.
2. The changes made to the accounting systems and the direction of travel are welcome. Future years should provide a good audit trail for all items and year to year comparisons.

Date 14/08/2026

Independent Examiner: **Andrea Partridge**

Year ended 31 March 2026

27/08/2026

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Independent Examiner

Signed by: 1b8157eb-8a6e-4e6e-a7a5-14b18408c70b

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

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Group Treasurer

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4th/85th Dunblane Scouts - Statement of Balances

	Year 24 - 25	Year 25 - 26	
Row Labels	Debit	Debit	YOY VAR
Cost District Capitation	£ 8,108.60	£8,372.10	£ 263.50
Cost Electricity	£ 1,144.98	£767.60	-£ 377.38
Cost Fundraising	£ 1,051.08	£1,464.52	£ 413.44
Cost Gas	£ 1,044.67	£670.17	-£ 374.50
Cost Insurance	£ 3,078.53	£2,485.78	-£ 592.75
Cost Maintanance	£ 1,316.13	£6,633.60	£ 5,317.47
Cost Operations for Sections	£ 17,406.54	£21,973.13	£ 4,566.59
Cost Parent Refund	£ 547.00	£0.00	-£ 547.00
Cost Website and Technology	£ 645.00	£0.00	-£ 645.00
Donations to charities	£ 750.00	£250.00	-£500.00
Debit Total	£ 35,092.53	£ 42,616.90	£ 7,524.37
	Year 24 - 25	Year 25 - 26	
Row Labels	Credit	Credit	YOY VAR
Income from Friday Beavers	£ 3,226.49		-£ 3,226.49
Income from Monday Cubs	£ 2,814.62	5345.95	£ 2,531.33
Income from Thursday Scouts / Fr Beaver	£ 7,956.89	9331.76	£ 1,374.87
Income from Tuesday Beavers	£ 2,862.56	3215.76	£ 353.20
Income from Tuesday Scouts	£ 5,995.32	6843.05	£ 847.73
Income from Wednesday Cubs	£ 8,460.83	5042.1	-£ 3,418.73
Income Fundraising	£ 10,249.66	9285.09	-£ 964.57
Income GiftAid	£ 902.58	4490.66	£ 3,588.08
Income Transfer from Section account	£ 9,328.20	7231.39	-£ 2,096.81
Income Parent Payment (neckies etc)		625.34	£ 625.34
Credit Total	£ 35,092.53	£ 51,797.15	£ 16,704.62
* Note: Section and Parenet Income includes Subs and Payments for camps and activities. Operational costs includes costs for badges and camp activities etc. This breakdown is different than in past years.			
Balances			
Account Balances EOY	2024	2025	2026
Sections Bank accounts	£12,456.18	£ -	£ -
Group Account Balances 31/03			
Group Main Account	£7,684.86	£ 24,496.40	£ 25,191.64
NS&I Investment account	£7,135.94	£ 7,231.39	£ 7,231.39
TOTAL	£ 27,276.98	£ 31,727.79	£ 32,423.03

to Thursday scouts

NSI transfer

* Note: NS&I account was closed and merged into the main account for 25-26 FY.

2025-26 Fundraising Activity

Summary	Funds Raised	£9,685.09
	Costs of Fundraising	£1,521.83
	Funds Raised - Costs	£8,163.26

May	The Fling Hot Dog Stand		
	Funds Raised	Hotdog sales	£590.50
			£313.66
		Total	£904.16
	Costs	Stall Cost	£150.00
		Cost of Goods	£354.00
		Total	£504.00
		Profit	£400.16

August	BOA Highland Games Bottle Stand		
	Funds Raised	bottle stall takings in cash	£1,114.45
		Sum Up	£44.26
			£1,158.71
	Costs		
		Total	£0.00
			£1,158.71

NA	Extravaganza	Dunblane High Street	
	Funds Raised	takings	
		costs	
		Total	£0.00
	Costs		
		Total	£0.00
			£0.00

December	Scout Post	Dunblane	
	Funds Raised		£517.35
		Total	£517.35
	Costs		
		Total	£0.00
			£517.35

November	Family night	Dunblane	
	Funds Raised	Ticket Sales	£614.10
		Sum Up Sales	£235.15
		Cash Sales	£596.40
		Repurchase	£37.38
		Jam Sales	£58.61
		Jam Sales	£26.00
		Total	£1,567.64
	Costs	License	£10.00
		Alcoholic Drink	£428.14
		Soft Drinks	£11.00
		Ice and baking supplies	£27.62
		Plastic Drink ware	£80.62
		Non Acoholic	£10.45
			£567.83
			£999.81

December	Santa Sleigh	Dunblane	
	Funds Raised	Day 1	£829.00
		Day 2	£783.00
		Day 3	£758.10
		Day 4	£607.57
		Day 5	£799.10
		Givey	£214.00
		burnt note	£10.00
		burnt note	£10.00
		Mutilated notes	£40.00
		Total	£4,050.77
	Costs		
		Driver Fee	£400.00
		Trailer Fee	£50.00
			£450.00
			£3,600.77

Other			
	CLSA Grant Fund for litter pickers		£584.50
	Personal Donation		£200.00
	Sum Up Tests		£1.96
	Tesco Award		£500.00
	DDDT Donation		£200.00
		Total	£1,486.46
			£0.00
			£1,486.46