

29th Glasgow (1st Newlands) Scout Group

Charity no: SC022392

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1. The 29th Glasgow (1st Newlands) Scout Group submit their report together with the financial statements and independent examiner's report for the year ended 31st August 2025.

2. The Scout Group's headquarters are:

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3. **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 "Scottish Charity" the number SC022392.

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.

4. The affairs of the Scout Group are managed by the Trustees who form the Group Executive Committee, whose members are recruited and appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules ("POR") of the Scout Association.
5. The members of the Group Executive Committee as listed hereafter served throughout the year unless otherwise noted.

Trustees

Douglas Jarvis

Group Chair

John Fairgrieve

Treasurer

John Archibald

Group Lead Volunteer

Morag MacDermid

Deputy Group Lead Volunteer and Monday Cub Scout Leader

Sarah Hill

Tuesday Beaver leader

Isaac Glen

Assistant Tuesday Beaver Leader and under-25 Trustee

Derek Ross

Lucy Forbes

Stephen Campbell

Andy McNeill

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6. Group Scout Leader's Report

This report covers the 2024/25 Scouting year.

At the time of our annual census in January 2025, the Group had a total of 152 youth members — 38 Beavers, 42 Cubs, 54 Scouts and 18 Explorer Sea Scouts. This continued the trend from the previous year and represented a drop of 17 youth members. The decrease was primarily due to the closure of our Tuesday Cub section.

As always, the Group's leadership teams have worked hard to deliver a safe, high-quality programme across all sections. What follows is a brief overview of some of those activities.

The two Beaver sections continued to run a shared programme, packed with activities, games and badge work. These included building a machine from junk; learning basic first aid for the Emergency Aid badge; taking part in a sport and fitness session; learning about fire safety and visiting Clarkston Fire Station; and, of course, making s'mores. The Beavers also made good use of local parks for outdoor activities.

In November, the Beavers headed to Beaver Badgetastic, with all those attending earning their Adventure Challenge badge. A sleepover was held in the halls during April, including an afternoon visit to Pets at Home to see the small furry pets.

A number of Beavers achieved their Chief Scout Bronze Award during the year.

During 2024/25, the Group had two active Cub packs, running on Mondays and Wednesdays. The Tuesday pack did not meet because we did not have leaders, and the temporary arrangement that had kept it going in 2023/24 came to an end.

On regular meeting nights, the Cubs took part in a wide range of activities contributing towards badges and challenges. These included indoor and outdoor games and tasks, many of them firm favourites, including fire building, pioneering, mapwork, problem-solving activities such as building marble race tracks, and crafts at Christmas and Easter. The Cubs visited Dams to Darnley Country Park and Pollok Country Park for pond-dipping and tree identification. They also enjoyed another evening of music and movement with the South Western District Creative Arts team, as well as an athletics evening run by Cub parents Marion and Susan. Together with the Beavers, many of the Cubs also enjoyed a Friday Pizza and Movie Night just before Christmas.

Cubs from both packs enjoyed getting on the water at Pinkston for a summer evening of canoeing with volunteers from the Scout Active Support Group at Pinkston Watersports, as well as days at Largs out in powerboats.

Sixteen Cubs from the two packs enjoyed a weekend at Scout Adventures Lochgoilhead, taking part in five activity sessions on land and water, achieving their Adventure Challenge Award as well as Nights Away.

It was a year of fun and adventure with Cub friends. Thank you to all the Cub leaders, and to the parents who helped with various activities during the year.

During the year, the Wednesday Scout section continued to grow, with new youth and adult members joining. A varied programme, both in and away from the halls, continued throughout the year. There were some leadership changes towards the end of the year, with Alex stepping down as Section Leader

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at Easter and Duncan also taking a step back due to increased work commitments. By the end of the summer, we had recruited Robert to the Group, and he has taken on leadership of the section with confidence and enthusiasm.

The Thursday Scouts have been as busy as always, running a varied programme that included projects with the rangers in Pollok Country Park. A number of the Thursday Scouts achieved their Chief Scout's Gold Award during the year.

The Explorer Sea Scouts continued to offer a varied programme throughout the year, in and out of the halls and on both land and sea. A number took part in SubZero at Auchengillan during the February half-term holiday, and thankfully the weather was not too cold. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award continues to be offered, with several Explorer Sea Scouts completing their volunteering by helping as Young Leaders with the Beaver and Cub sections.

The Group continues to offer a range of water activities to our older sections, with opportunities throughout the year to sail, powerboat and kayak. Participation in sailing increased substantially towards the end of the year, with the minibus full most weekends. My thanks go to Sandy and Daryl, who continue to make these activities at Largs possible.

During the summer, the three older sections, along with leaders from across the Group, travelled to Austria for our first international summer camp since 2019. The camp was packed with adventurous outdoor activities and cultural experiences.

This is only a brief overview of section activity during the year, and there were many other camps, activities, badges and awards that I have not mentioned.

Sadly, during the past year we lost Lesley, who had been a very active and dedicated member of the Group and had led the Tuesday Cubs as Akela for many years. In recognition of her exceptional service over that time, Lesley was nominated for a Silver Wolf, the highest award in Scouting. Unfortunately, it had not been granted by the time of her death, but it was awarded very shortly afterwards. The award will be presented to her husband, Joe, in the near future.

The Group remains very active, thanks to the volunteers who give their time, especially those leading the sections. We have been fortunate to welcome a number of new leaders, easing some of the pressure on existing teams. My sincere thanks go to them all; none of this would be possible without their dedication. However, like all Groups, we still have room for new volunteers.

An equally big thank you goes to all the helpers who organise and run the Group's fundraising activities. During the year, we took part in the Newlands Fete, held our own Christmas Fair and ran our Annual Jumble Sale, all of which remain important sources of income for the Scout Group.

Thank you to all the Trustees who continue to run the Group in the background.

A special mention goes to Sandy, who remains very active with the Group's RYA Training Centre, running a number of theory and practical courses, and to Pamela, who runs the RYA First Aid courses. These continue to bring regular income to the Group.

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My final thanks go to Derek and David, who continue to look after the Group's Gift Aid returns.

Thanks, as always, to Morag and Douglas, and to everyone else who supports me in my role as Group Scout Leader.

7. The Group remains financially self-supporting and, for its income, relies entirely on fundraising events, subscriptions, donations, grants and gift aid.
8. We record our sincerest thanks to our Leaders, Trustees, non-uniformed helpers, parents and supporters all of whom are volunteers and receive no payment for their efforts.
9. The Group continues to be Royal Navy recognised (Unit 90) and is a Royal Yachting Association training centre delivering practical courses in dinghy sailing and power boating as well as theory courses in navigation, first aid and VHF radio.
10. The Group is proud to be affiliated with HMS Defender.

On behalf of the Trustees.



Trustee

John Archibald

Dated: 28 May 2026