

30th CRAIGALMOND (DAVIDSON'S MAINS) SCOUT GROUP

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Charity No. SC 007789

**30th Craigmmond (Davidson's Mains) Scout Group
Trustees' Annual Report
Year ended 31 March 2024**

The Executive Committee has pleasure in presenting its report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Name & Address

The Group's name is 30th Craigmmond (Davidson's Mains) Scout Group and it may be contacted through Chris Richardson (Treasurer, acting as an honorary reporting accountant), 102 Silverknowes Road, Edinburgh, EH4 5LD.

Constitution

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association, with Scottish variations.

The Scout Group was recognised as a charity by The Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) which gave the Association's Scottish Charity Number as SC007789.

Structure, governance and management

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association, with Scottish variations.

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group, which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

All Committee members are familiar with the work of the charity. If there are any areas where additional training is required, this will be discussed at a Committee meeting and a solution identified.

The day-to-day management is delegated by the Committee to the Group Lead Volunteer (GLV).

Objectives and organisational structure

The objective of The Scout Association is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Scouting in the United Kingdom is organised in Scout Groups, Scout Districts, Scout Counties (Scout Regions in Scotland) and Country Headquarters. These 'units' of Scouting provide, support; channels for communication; opportunities for youth Members and adults to make decisions and take responsibility and functional units through which the design and delivery of the youth programme can be best achieved. A Scout Group comprises one or more of any or all of the following: a Squirrel Scout Drey; a Beaver Scout Colony; a Cub Scout Pack or a Scout Troop. Additionally, a Group may also include one or more Group Scout Active Support Units. An Explorer Scout Unit may also be attached to a Scout Group.

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Trustees



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

Activities and Achievements

The Scout Group, which is made up of around 170 young people and supported by around 40 weekly volunteers, had another successful and busy year. As well as the weekly volunteers we have additional support through admin and finance functions, waiting list management, hall management and bookings, fundraising and the Trustee Board who collectively help with the smooth running of the Scout Group.

We also have an Active Support Unit of around 50 members who help with events and camps where additional support is needed which is a great help.

Leaders continue to run excellent fun and adventurous programmes, with lots of badges, events and camps taking place in all sections.

We continue to have great links in with the local community and with the Pink Panther Explorer Scout Unit (PPESU) where most of our Scouts move to at 14 years old.

Looking back over the last year, the GLV noted that there were a few highlights, including:

- Squirrels have now been running very successfully for one year!
- We raised 134kg for the Edinburgh Food Project, which was gratefully received.
- We held a pumpkin carving fundraiser at the Scout Hall which raised £409.91
- We had a Smarties fundraiser which raised £421.56.
- The Scouts had expeditions in the Pentlands and Bonaly.
- We took part in the Christmas Lights Switch-on where we served hot food (burgers and hot dogs with PPESU) as well as hot drinks and home-baking.
- Squirrels and Beavers joined the District for Tricky Ricky, which was great fun.
- We held a movie night of 'Back to the Future' on the big screen at the Scout Hall
- We have tried to grow pumpkins at Lauriston Farm where every young person was given a seed to grow at home. We hope to use these for a future fundraiser.
- Our Scouts were litter picking champions and made the front page of the Evening News!
- Cubs were also in the Evening News following their trip to Dynamic Earth.
- We held a coffee morning fundraiser for Kandersteg in May 2024.
- We served hot dogs and cold drinks as part of Gala football.
- We took part in Gala Day where we were in the parade and served hot food and drinks to raise funds for Kandersteg. In total, over £3,000 was raised for Kandersteg in the Gala week.
- Steve Barton (one of our volunteers) was the Distinguished Gentleman at the Gala, which was a great recognition for his 15 years of service to our Scout Group.
- We had our annual Sausage sizzle, which was a great end to the term in Davidson's Mains Park with a big fire, and lots of badges and awards.

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This year, our Scout Group has been celebrating its centenary year, which we had started planning for last year. To mark our centenary we had the following activities (during or subsequent to our year end):

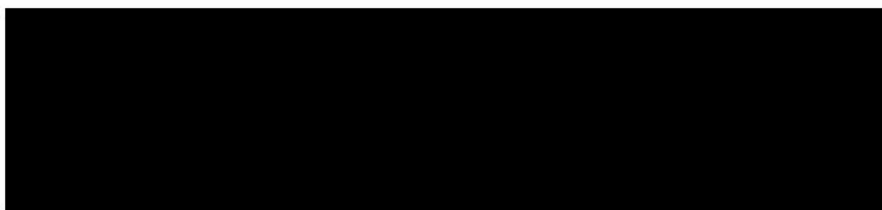
1. Kicked off the celebrations in February 2024 with a family ceilidh for our members at the Leonardo Hotel.
2. Had a special centenary necker made to celebrate 100 years.
3. Designed a centenary badge with the help of one of our scouts, which forms part of the mural.
4. Made upgrades to our Scout Hall including to the flooring and kitchen.
5. Had the mural painted outside the Scout Hall by a local artist.
6. Took 31 Scouts to Kandersteg, Switzerland, in July 2024 for a week.
7. Ran a Group Camp in September 2024 for all sections at Fordell Firs, Dunfermline.
8. Hope to launch a sustainability strategy, which is being worked on by the Trustee Board.
9. Have asked Alex Cole Hamilton to raise a motion in the Scottish Parliament which we hope will be done shortly.
10. Held a black-tie dinner on 26 October 2024 for members and former members where we heard all about Scouting through the decades.

Subsequent to the year end and as part of our centenary celebrations we successfully received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to research our Scout Group's history. Two of our current volunteers are now carrying out paid research to produce an oral history report. This is being carried out through:

- Receiving training from an oral historian
- Conducting interviews with former and current members about their experiences at our Scout Group.
- Reviewing our archive materials to build the picture of the last 100 years.
- Creating a dedicated website where the audit recordings will be posted.
- Preparing a timeline showing the milestones through the last 100 years.
- Holding a launch event in 2025.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees believe that no less than three months of annual expenditure is an appropriate level of reserves in order to cover the timing differences between receipts and payments and to allow for any unexpected expenditure on repairs to the Scout Hall and its environs, and replacement of equipment.



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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 30th Craigmmond (Davidson's Mains) Scout Group – Registered Charity SC007789

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

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 (as amended). 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

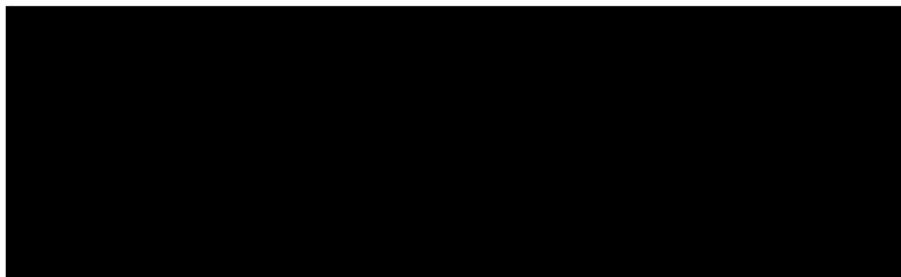
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures 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

During my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe, that in any material respect, the requirements:

1. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
2. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



30th Craigmmond (Davidson's Mains) Scout Group
Receipts & Payments Account
Year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	2023/24	2022/23
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary Income			
Subscriptions	3	8,723	9,841
Fund Raising Activities	4	8,127	517
Gift Aid Grant	5	4,140	5,121
Donations, Other Grants & Hall Rental	6	15,702	9,981
Investment Income & Bank Interest		1,209	60
Total Receipts		37,901	25,520
PAYMENTS			
Group Activities			
Programme Activities	7	11,655	4,620
Badges/Neckers/Uniforms	8	3,465	4,039
Equipment Purchase	9	3,150	2,129
Premises	10	18,779	9,117
Management & Administration Costs	11	2,220	2,151
Donations	12	100	50
Total Payments		39,369	22,106
(Deficit)/ Surplus for year		(1,468)	3,414

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Statement of Balance
Year ended 31 March 2024

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Cash & Bank Balances (unrestricted)		
Balance as at 31/03/23	53,173	49,759
(Deficit)/ Surplus for the year	(1,468)	3,414
Balance as at 31/03/24	<u>51,705</u>	<u>53,173</u>
Bank Current Account	6,273	15,687
CAF account	5	0
Switzerland Account	2,218	0
Bank Liquidity Account	30,893	30,046
Bank Business Reserve Account	10,871	2,009
Bank Investment Account	0	1,475
Cash in hand	644	2,738
Loan granted for Shed	801	1,240
	<u>51,705</u>	<u>53,173</u>

Assets

The Group owns the Scout Hall and the land on which it stands at 5 Quality Street, Davidson's Mains. The title is held in the names of the District Commissioner, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer for the time being of Craigalmond Scout Council on behalf of the Group. The title deeds are held in safe keeping at South East Scotland Scouts legal advisers, Morton Fraser MacRoberts LLP.

The Group owns a quantity of camping, other sporting and kitchen equipment acquired over a number of years.

Liabilities

The Group has no other obligations

The Notes on Pages 7 form an integral part of these Accounts.

Approved by the Group Executive Committee on 10 December and signed on its behalf

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Notes to The Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2024

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
1. Funds		
The Group maintains unrestricted General Fund		
2. Trustees' Remuneration & Expenses		
The Trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year		
3. Subscription Income		
Squirrels	740	
Beavers	3,410	3,370
Cubs	5,525	7,463
Scouts	7,112	6,322
	<u>16,787</u>	<u>17,155</u>
Less Paid to Scout Headquarters	<u>8,064</u>	<u>7,314</u>
	<u>8,723</u>	<u>9,841</u>
In 2021/22 the Cubs subscription payments for two terms were not raised until 2022/23		
4. Fund-Raising Income		
Scout Fundraising and Matched Giving		
Group Wide Fund-Raising Events	<u>8,127</u>	<u>517</u>
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5. Gift Aid		
During the year Gift Aid was claimed and received for subscriptions covering the years ended 31 March 2023.		
6. Donations		
Contributions received for use of hall	15,702	9,981
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7. Programme Activities		
Squirrels	48	
Beavers	594	419
Cubs	955	1,182
Scouts	1,377	2,141
Group Camping Activities (surplus)/deficit	8,681	877
	<u>11,655</u>	<u>4,620</u>
8. Badges / Neckers / Uniforms		
Leaders' Uniforms	374	623
Neckers and Badges	<u>3,091</u>	<u>3,418</u>
	<u>3,465</u>	<u>4,039</u>
9. Equipment Purchase		
Camping and Activity Equipment / Repairs	3,150	2,129
	<u>3,150</u>	<u>2,129</u>
10. Premises		
Electricity	3,462	1,584
Software	384	318
Cleaning	2,275	2,552
Repairs and maintenance	10,923	2,970
Insurance	1,735	1,693
	<u>18,779</u>	<u>9,117</u>
11. Management & Administration Costs		
Stationery / Postage/ First Aid	60	248
Gocardless fees, AGM Expenses and Misc	<u>2,160</u>	<u>1,905</u>
	<u>2,220</u>	<u>2,151</u>
12. Donations		
Donation/contribution to Explorer camp	<u>100</u>	<u>50</u>

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