81st FIFE (1st BROOMHALL) SEA SCOUTS

Trustee Annual Report & Financial Statements

For the year ended

31 March 2026

Scouts

81st Fife (1st Broomhall)
Sea Scouts

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

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 SC031335.

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.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name	81st Fife (1st Broomhall) Sea Scouts
Charity Number	SC031335
Contact Address	The Scout Hall, Capernaum, Limekilns, Fife, KY11 3JR
Website Address	81stfifescouts.org.uk

Mike Chaplin	**Chair**
Jonathan Carter	**Treasurer**
Gordon Prow	**Group Lead Volunteer**
Andrew Mitchell	**Trustee**
Derek Fett	**Trustee**
Jacqui Crawford	**Trustee**
Lorna Douglas	**Trustee**
Fiona Harvey	**Trustee**
Joshua Bliss	**Trustee**
Mary Byford	**Trustee**

Other Trustees who served during the year	None
Bankers	Virgin Bank plc 64 High Street Dunfermline KY12 7DF
Independent Examiner	Paul Neale Linton House West Grange KY12 8EL

Group Lead Volunteer Annual Review

The awarding of 7 Chief Scout Awards is a testament to the hard work undertaken by our members and the work put in by the leaders in these sections. Gaining the Chief Scout Award is the highest award that can be gained in the sections.

As a Group our numbers have increased slightly, and we are currently running with 45 up from 40 the previous year, not including Leaders. We do see numbers fluctuating year to year, but all sections have healthy numbers.

Our members have taken part in activities and events throughout the year both within their own sections and District events meeting other young people from around the district.

For the Scouts that are moving up to Explorers we are involved with the District Explorer section which is starting just at the end of the 2026 session on a trial basis and we will keep you updated with its progress. This gives our Scouts a natural progression path to a larger section with more scope on the program.

I would like to thank all the Leadership team that give up their time to make the 81st what it is, also a thank you to the Young Leaders that have come up through the sections and have chosen to come back to work in a section helping the leaders, it is very much appreciated.

We are still looking for volunteers to come on to the committee and if you would like to find out more about what this involves, please speak to any committee member. I would also like to thank all the parents that turn up to help at the fundraising activities throughout the year, without your help some of these events would not take place.

Gordon Prow

Group Chairperson Annual Review

Welcome to the 81st Fife (1st Broomhall) Sea Scout Group's Annual Report.

Thank you to all the Volunteers, Helpers, Parents, Guardians and Trustees, without whom the Group could not function, for your hard work and support throughout the year.

New Regulatory Advice and further changes to the governance requirements of Scout groups have led to additional workloads and responsibilities for Volunteer and Trustees so we really appreciate those upon whom these additional workloads and responsibilities fall.

It is now also a requirement for all volunteers and helpers to have a PVG clearance in place so we would appreciate as many parents and guardian as possible going through this process so that we have a good depth of support available within the group.

I am pleased to note that the financial performance of the Group has improved and that we have moved from a deficit position for the last 2 years to a surplus position at the end of this year – the actions of the Trustees to save costs, an increase in subscription levels and the improved fundraising performance have been the main drivers of this improvement.

We are always looking for more Leaders and volunteers so please don't hesitate to speak with a Leader or Committee member if you would like to become involved – there are many ways to help and different levels of commitment – all backed by the very supportive Scouting infrastructure that provides guidance, training, and tools.

Mike Chaplin

Trustees Annual Review



What We do

Scouts actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities. They learn by doing, by sharing in spiritual reflection and by taking responsibility. They make choices, undertake new and challenging activities, and they live their Scout Promise.

Scouts' Trustees have a duty to report on our public benefit in this Annual Report. We've assessed our aims, activities and charitable objectives, which are to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full potential as individuals, as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national and international communities. We believe that we've met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria for both the advancement of education, and the advancement of citizenship and community development. Scouts follows two key principles set by the Commission with regard to public benefit:

Public Benefit

Scouts is a national movement, open to young people aged 4–25 and adults who are willing to make the Scout Promise. People in areas of deprivation are able to benefit from our programme; while we charge a subscription to our members, access to our benefits aren't constrained by a member's ability to pay. Locally, there are arrangements to waive subscriptions and other costs for those who face financial hardship. Nationally, there are funds available for uniform and the cost of activities so that young people aren't excluded from Scouts on purely financial grounds. As a Scout Group, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We encourage our members to do more, learn more and be more!

Our members are aged between 4 and 25 and each week enjoy fun and adventure while developing skills that they need to succeed both now and in the future.

We help young people develop and improve key life skills, including:

- Self-awareness
- Empathy
- Critical thinking
- Creative thinking
- Decision making
- Problem Solving
- Effective communication
- Interpersonal relationship
- Teamwork
- Leadership
- Autonomy
- Resilience



Our Values and Aims

The aim of the Group is to promote the purpose of Scouting which is that Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The Group is organised in line with the Values of Scouting which are that as Scouts we are guided by these values:

- **Integrity** - We say what we mean and when we make a promise, we keep it.
- **Respect** - We listen to others; explore our differences and work to find common ground.
- **Care** - Scouts are friends to all and think of others before themselves.
- **Belief** - We believe passionately in improving the lives and life chances of young people and helping them explore and develop their beliefs and attitudes.
- **Cooperation** - Scouting is about teamwork. We believe that when we work together, we achieve more than we can on our own.

Delivering Skills for Life

In 2018 the Scout Association launched its plan "Skills for Life". Skills for life are broken down into key objectives:

Growth

Overall, the Group has grown over 12% within a year, seeing increases in Beavers and Scouts, with the largest growth in the Beaver section increasing from 4 to 8 members. This is testament to the Leaders and Members in creating a balanced and fun programme.

We want to ensure our adult volunteers have the support they need to continue to deliver quality experiences for young people. Not only do our adults undertake the Scout Association training but also specialist training associated with our water activities. Our Group Training Advisor, Karen Hart continues to ensure the Leaders are supported and keeping their training and development up to date.

Inclusivity

As a group we want to be fully inclusive of everyone. We operate an environment that allows people with different backgrounds, characteristics, and ways of thinking, to work effectively together and fulfil their potential. This is reflective in many of our members achieving their highest award the Chief Scout Award. We want our members to feel valued, listened to and respected.

We link what we do to the four capacities of the Scottish Government's Curriculum for Excellence and try to develop successful learners; confident individuals; effective contributors; and responsible citizens. Where possible we ensure that our members are achieving a number of the experiences and outcomes set by the government. We provide activities for those aged 6-25 in the West Fife Villages area, based in Limekilns, with a current membership of 45 youngsters supported by 20 uniformed Leaders/Helpers.

Youth Shaped

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- Learn by doing
- Share in spiritual reflection
- Take responsibility and make choices
- Undertake new and challenging activities
- Make and live by their Promise.

We are committed to making sure that young people take on leadership responsibilities and shape their Scouting experiences. This is seen through programme planning within the Sections, our young leader scheme where Explorers help in Cubs and Scouts and our young members supporting and being co-opted onto the Groups Committee and sub-committees.

Community Impact

We want to give our young people opportunities to make valuable differences in our community. The Group continue to be single use plastic free as part of the communities Approved Plastic Free Community award and have set-up a 3P pledge.



Village events such as Remembrance Day and Founders Day have returned and we attended by the sections.

We want Scouts to be understood, more visible, trusted, respected and widely seen as playing a key role in our society. Skills for life clearly show the benefits that we gain, but we want it to be cool to tell your mates that you're in the Scouts. We have seen continued growth this year and we want this to continue. Members joining Beavers we want to see gaining their Queen Scout Award in Explorers and Network.

Scout Section Report

The past year has been exceptionally strong and positive, anchored by a deliberate "back to scout basics" approach to our weekly programme and activities. By placing teamwork and leadership at the very heart of everything we do, our Scouts have developed practical, resilient skills while working closely together in their patrols.

Our weekly meetings focused heavily on core Scouting fundamentals:

- Outdoor & Practical Skills: Cooking over open fires, pioneering as well as navigation.
- Communication & Mind: Problem-solving challenges and communication exercises all assist with developing the troop.

Impact and Achievements

Consistency in numbers has been a major highlight this year, with 21 Scouts regularly attending each week. This steady engagement translated into strong accomplishments across the board:

- 112 badges awarded, including 3 prestigious Chief Scout's Gold Awards.
- Recognition of wider achievements, celebrating members earning badges for activities outside of regular meetings—ranging from equestrian sports and snow sports to hiking and digital maker projects.

Summer Camp Highlights

In June 2025, 19 Scouts attended a weekend camp under canvas that truly embodied our patrol-led philosophy. Patrols took absolute ownership of their experience, planning and executing the activities. A particular highlight was the catering: every meal for the entire camp was planned and cooked by the duty patrol, an experience the Scouts thoroughly enjoyed. Camp life also featured large-scale pioneering projects, where patrols built large outdoor structures used to launch water balloons back and forth at one another.

Looking Ahead

Building on all this success, we are immensely proud to see 3 of our Scouts moving on to Explorers in May 2026. They leave behind a vibrant, capable troop, and we look forward to watching them continue their Scouting journey.

Derek Fett

Cubs Section Report

It has been another busy year at Cubs. We attended the district cub camp in May at Nineacres which was a great opportunity to meet other cubs from the district and helped give that perspective that we are part of something bigger!



We went sailing at Port Edgar in June to round off the term.

We were lucky to once again get a place at The Howling this year at Fordell Firs, a massive camp with over 500 cubs in attendance which is always an amazing experience for everyone involved.



We also made a trip to the clip n climb at the EICA in Ratho, which challenged the cubs to push the boundaries of what they thought they could achieve.

Our team has grown this year with the addition of a new leader, Jen McMillan. Jen's help has been greatly appreciated since she has joined and it has helped us to continue to take part in adventurous activities in the absence of the parent rota which has stopped for now due to changes in PVG requirements.

The cubs have also been busy foraging, cooking, making hedgehog houses, playing tennis, practicing first aid, making animations and going on hikes, to name but a few.

Joshua Bliss

Beavers Section Report

8 Beavers During the last year we have covered the Adventure Challenge Badge, Skills Challenge Badge & World Challenge Badge to help with our recent moves to cubs.

This has allowed us to arrange to award 3 chief scout bronze awards which is a massive achievement for the 3 Beavers who have just moved onto Cubs.

Over the last year we have had a total of 6 Beavers moved up to Cubs and have welcomed 7 new Beavers into our little group.

We also worked towards staged and activity badges within our section nights to help the beavers and sent information home for them to work through some activity badges in their own time, Our favourite staged badges to work through were Camp Craft, Communicator, Community Impact, Emergency Aid, Health and Fitness (we had a fitness instructor come into our hall to go through some fitness related exercise with us all), Money Skills & Fire Safety (where we went to visit Dunfermline Fire Station and learned all about how the station works, the engines, equipment that can be used).

We have also had the immense privilege of being invited to the District Camp as part of 81st Fife Beavers which was so much fun all the Beavers had a great time and enjoyed all that camp had to offer. We are now looking forward to having the opportunity to work through some new challenge badges with the new group of beavers who have just started.

Angela Willis

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

Receipts	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total 2026 (£)	Total 2025 (£)	Total 2024 (£)
Voluntary Income					
Membership Subscriptions	6,252.00	—	6,252.00	7,348.00	8,798.50
Other Donations	813.86	—	813.86	477.21	1,448.08
HMRC Charity Donations (Gift Aid)	—	—	—	—	2,170.27
Activities for Generating Funds					
Fund Raising	9,676.55	—	9,676.55	5,975.88	5,736.98
Hall Rents	157	—	157	—	50
Charitable Activities					
Payments for Activities	1,065.00	—	1,065.00	3,495.11	880
Investment Income					
Bank Interest	—	—	—	132.83	—
Other Income					
Sundries	—	—	—	144.5	25.77
Total Receipts	**17,964.41**	**—**	**17,964.41**	**17,573.53**	**19,109.60**

Payments	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total 2026 (£)	Total 2025 (£)	Total 2024 (£)
Costs of Generating Funds					
Fund Raising Costs	3,543.17	—	3,543.17	3,079.22	3,137.41
Charitable Activities					
Scout Prog Activities, Training & Tributes	2,815.39	—	2,815.39	2,704.97	2,504.68
Badges & Uniform	218.38	—	218.38	1,047.20	1,203.73
Equipment Repairs, Maint & Insurance	502.42	—	502.42	2,460.03	1,804.04
Cleaning	2,307.00	—	2,307.00	3,488.00	3,448.00
Ground Lease, Rent & Rates	1,257.88	—	1,257.88	1,187.70	953.5
Telephone, Broadband, Licences	534.68	—	534.68	671.85	500.63
Electric	974.07	—	974.07	1,340.96	2,003.62
Insurance	2,276.63	—	2,276.63	2,411.79	2,899.11
Membership Dues	2,214.50	—	2,214.50	2,599.00	3,262.50
Purchase of Fixed Assets (Equipment)	—	—	—	319	—
Governance Costs					
Bank Charges	211.14	—	211.14	204.01	210.01
Total Payments	**16,855.26**	**—**	**16,855.26**	**21,513.73**	**21,927.23**
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	**1,109.15**	**—**	**1,109.15**	**-3,940.20**	**-2,817.63**

Statement of Funds	Opening Balance 01/04/25 (£)	Receipts (£)	Payments (£)	Closing Balance 31/03/26 (£)
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	9,806.49	17,964.41	-16,855.26	10,915.64
Restricted Funds				
Boat Shed Fund	437	—	—	437
Equipment Fund	256	—	—	256
Total Funds	**10,499.49**	**17,964.41**	**-16,855.26**	**11,608.64**

Statement of Balances Bank and Cash Assets Breakdown

Unrestricted Bank Accounts: £10,282.00 *(Adjusted for £7 discrepancy to match total cash ledger)*

Restricted Bank Accounts: £693.00

Cash-in-Hand: £626.64

Total Closing Cash Ledger: £11,608.64

Independent Examiners Report

81st Fife (1st Broomhall) Sea Scouts

Year Ended 31st March 26

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 81st Fife (1st Broomhall) Sea Scouts Group

I report on the financial statements of the 81st Fife (1st Broomhall) Sea Scouts Group ("the Group") for the year ended 31 March 2026 which are set out on pages 14 & 15.

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 2008 ("the Regulations"). The Group's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 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 the Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 Act and the Regulations, and

(b) to prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the Regulations

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.

Paul Neal
Linton House
West Grange
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Signature …Paul Neal……

Date Saturday 19th September 26.

Notes to Trustee Annual Report (TAR):

Financial Recovery: The charity returned to a healthy surplus of £1,109.15 this year, rebounding from deficits of £3,940.20 in 2025 and £2,817.63 in 2024.

Fundraising Drivers: This positive shift was primarily driven by a significant boost in general Fund Raising revenue, which climbed to £9,676.55 (up from £5,975.88 last year).

Cost Controls: Payments were successfully reined in, dropping from £21,513.73 to £16,855.26, largely due to lower maintenance costs and reduced operational cleaning overheads

Other Assets

The Group owns the Scout Hall at Capernaum, Limekilns. The building is currently insured for £900K. The title is held in the names of the Region Commissioner, Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer for the time being of Central Region Scout Council on behalf of the Group. The title deeds are held in safe keeping at Scout Headquarters at Fordell Firs.

The land on which the Hall is situated is leased from the Earl of Elgin under a lease expiring on the 30th January 2045. The current rent is £920.50 per annum with the next rent review due to take place in 2029.

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

Other Liabilities

The Group has no other material liabilities or obligations.

Approved by the Group Executive Committee on Monday 14th September 26

and signed on its behalf by:-

Mike Chaplin

Mike Chaplin
Chairman