Scouts

20th Dundee Scout Group (Coldside)



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Scottish Charity Number SC050999

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Trustees' Report

Chair	Samantha Simmons
Treasurer	Kenny McKenzie
Risk Management	Graeme McLean
Data Management	Steven Colligan
Under 25 Person **Fundraising**	David Colligan Co-opted January 2026
Group Lead Volunteer	Stuart Ramsay

Trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026. This report is prepared in accordance with the Constitution of the charity and the recommendations of the Statement of Recommended Practice – 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' and complies with applicable law.

Structure, governance, and management
The Scout Group is an unincorporated registered charity governed by its constitution.

Trustee Recruitment and Appointments
Trustees are appointed at the AGM or Co-Opted at Group Trustee Board Meetings held throughout the year. They can be nominated or identified and asked to become a Trustee. Trustees are appointed through an open process.

Objectives and Activities
The object of the organisation is: "Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society."

Charitable Purpose
The advancement of education", "The advancement of citizenship or community development"

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives
It carries out activities or services itself.

Achievements

Despite the financial challenges being faced the group held a large 5-day trip to London and for the first time Beavers attended a group event out with the local area.

Financial Review

The group remains in a strong financial position and through prudence has managed to keep the monthly fees at the same amount as the last few years despite the increased costs. This is mainly down the prudence of many people involved including reduced spending and a favourably negotiated rent for the hall.

The group has been successful in gaining several grants and donations which allows for investment in new equipment without using up existing funds.

Reserves Policy

The group aims to keep enough money within its accounts to operate for a full year without any income.

Risk Management

The identifiable financial risks to the group are loss of income from a drop in numbers, thus active recruitment is always ongoing to keep membership numbers at a sustainable level.

Monthly fees are kept at a level required to cover costs but are under review and an increase will be considered if required.

Report of the Independent Examiner

For the 20th Dundee Scout Group for the year ended the 31st of March 2026

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent 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'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 Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeking 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 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
    - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  Date: 30th April 2026

Alex Scott
52 Mallaig Ave
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Group Lead Volunteer

A great year for the group and where better to start than the eagerly awaited group trip to London. After near 18 months in the making the trip appeared in jeopardy with less than 2 months to go. The planned accommodation for the trip had closed but never let people who had made the booking know. Leaving the organisers desperately trying to find alternative accommodation in the busy time of the year for all Scout Centres in London.

Many phone calls, emails and sleepless nights followed before Scout Park came to the rescue fitting us in and bending over backwards to help

A new base found meant many changes to the plans had to be made and it is testament to all of those involved that these were all done and the trip passed possibly better than anyone could have imagined.

We are so grateful for all the people who supported us throughout the whole trip, and particularly those organisations and companies who amended bookings and waived the usual charges for doing so.

As always, it is great to see the amazing programmes being provided by the sections and giving our youth members many opportunities they would not get otherwise.

Out with the uniformed part of the group the Trustee Board have been working tirelessly in the background to ensure the leaders can continue to run their sections without having to worry about other matters.

Badges and awards have been awarded regularly over the 12 months, and it was great to see the Scouts award Chief Scout Gold Awards the first time for several years.

We have a great team of leaders who work tirelessly often not only within their sections but also across the whole group. Some also have roles elsewhere sharing and gaining experience. I would like to thank all the leaders and young leaders for all their hard work over the year who go a long way to making the group the success it is.

While not seen the support and effort of the Trustees is also appreciated and deserve thanks also. The changes made while not always seen will ensure this group continues to develop.

Congratulations to Elaine Strachan on receiving her Silver Acorn in recognition of her service to scouting over the years.

Stuart Ramsay – GLV

Treasurer

We started off our financial year on 1st April 2025 with £25217.76 and ended it on 31st March 2026 with £15818.26, notable outgoings would be expenditure for the London Trip along with a district invoice for £3141.50. Notable incomings would be the grant by the Corra Foundation for £2000.

Kenny McKenzie - Treasurer

Squirrels

The squirrels have had a busy year as usual with all of our big events throughout the year. We have celebrated with our Christmas and Halloween parties as well as evenings to celebrate Ramadan, St Andrew's night, Valentines, Easter, Mother's day and Father's Day.

During this year we have given out lots of badges over this period as well as 3 Chief Acorn awards. We have also had a few of our squirrels move up to Beavers and make their promise.



We had our annual Christmas and Halloween parties which are always good fun. Especially getting messy at Halloween.



One of the highlights of this year was our burns night which we held in January, we had our own highland games, ate some haggis and oat cakes and even did some Scottish country dancing along to our very own Piper.

We have had various visitors to Squirrels over the year, including one of our Squirrel parents who came to talk to us all about Ramadan and Eid. We did some crafts and had some traditional snacks.



We have done various baking activities as a group on occasions such as pancake day and Mother's Day. The children enjoy this and I am sure they enjoyed eating them more.





We have forged a great relationship with Fairmuir Community Garden through Sunshine. We have visited a few times now at different times of the year to help plant and harvest their fruits and veg.





Last but no means least, we have welcomed a new young leader into our Drey. Rainbow joins Kyle as one of our young leaders who add a huge contribution every week.

BEAVERS

We've had a busy few terms in Beavers, taking advantage of the lighter nights and bank holidays. We started our term off with a visit to Camperdown Zoo and a visit to Pets at Home.

We finished our term with a visit to the observatory, taking advantage of the darker nights.

Amongst these visits we worked on our skills, problem solving, creative and life skills.

We've focused our terms based on what the children wanted to do and learn, including implementing a Beaver of the week!

A total of 62 badges were awarded over the year, including 9 investitures.







Another busy year for Cubs with a focus on Teamwork, helping the community, learning new skills, having fun and making new friends.

Once again, we teamed up with Cubs from the 5th Downfield Pack participating in Trailjam, a day where Scouts from all over the world hike together on the same day. This year we started at Discovery Point and ended at Barnhill Rock Garden. It was a glorious day, and both sets of Cubs coped extremely well in the heat.

Despite only being a team of 3 for this year's District Cub Flag, the 20th Cubs came a very respectable 2nd place. They were a credit to the group with comments from Leaders from other groups on how well they all behaved.

Cub Leaders were delighted that 3 Cubs achieved their Chief Scout Silver Award before moving up to Scouts, the highest award that can be achieved in Cubs.

A total of 172 badges were awarded throughout the year.







During our weekly meetings, we covered a huge amount of badge work across a wide range of subjects. One of the highlights of the year was presenting 3 Chief Scout's Gold Awards in Summer 2025 which is a massive achievement for those involved. The young people worked incredibly hard over a long period to reach this goal, and it was fantastic to see their efforts recognised. It was also particularly special as it was the first time the Group had presented Chief Scout's Gold Awards in a few years, making it a memorable occasion for everyone.

Alongside our badge work, we continued to deliver a varied programme, mixing new ideas with some old favourites. Our traditional cooking night returned, this time with a Mexican twist, which proved very popular. We also held a board games evening where the young people brought along their favourite games. This resulted in an entertaining mix of weird and wonderful games, including one memorable game that involved burritos flying across the room.

To give our leaders a break and help develop leadership skills within the Troop, we handed the reins over to some of our older Scouts on several occasions. They did a fantastic job planning and running the evenings and should be very proud of themselves.

One particularly enjoyable evening saw Helen lead our Money Skills Badge activities. The Scouts took part in a trading game where teams had to buy and sell items to make as much money as possible. Competition was fierce, and it was great to see everyone getting involved while learning some valuable life skills.

Of course, we also continued to develop and practise traditional Scouting skills throughout the year. We spent many evenings cooking, building camp gadgets, putting up tents and learning about campsite safety to ensure everyone remains confident and capable when out camping.

Not every activity went entirely to plan, our pancake evening was perhaps slightly less successful than previous years! However, despite some unusually shaped creations, the young people were more than happy to eat the results.

As well as our regular meetings, we managed to get out and about on a variety of activities and visits throughout the year. These included visits to the local Fire Station and Police Station, a trip to the local pantomime starring our very own Rachel, a visit to Perth for Bonfire Night, night hikes and a City Centre Quiz.

The Troop also took part in many of our annual events, including the District Flag Camping Competition and Exhibition Challenge weekends. We were also delighted to have such strong representation at the Dundee Scout Gang Show, with several members taking part and representing the Group superbly.








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Chief Scout's Gold Award
CONGRATULATIONS!

Awards

Squirrels Chief Scout Acorn Award

Deliliah Carr
Cameron Dunlop
Olufunwake Pegba-Otemolu

Cubs Chief Scout Silver Award

Pietro Redana
Austin Farnan
Edith Hall

Scouts Chief Scout Silver Award

Daisy Clark
Luca Lyons
Reuben Illes-Brooksbank

Leaders

Silver Acorn Award

Elaine Strachan

10 Year Service

Helen Frawley

15 Year Service

Julie McDonald

Accounts

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Receipts and Payments Account

For the Year 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Receipts and payments

	2026			2025
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	7,922	-	7,922	14,566
Donations	900	-	900	150
Legacies	-	-	-	
Gift Aid	-	-	-	
Charitable Activities	9,542	-	9,542	11,089
Sub total	18,363	-	18,363	25,805
Grants				
Maintenenace grant	-	-	-	
Other grants	3,000	-	3,000	1,700
Sub total	3,000	-	3,000	1,700
Fundraising events (gross)				
	-	-	-	
London Trip	1,518		1,518	
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	4,606
Sub total	1,518	-	1,518	4,606
Scout hut income				
Hire of equipment	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Investment income				
Bank interest	-	-	-	
Other investment income	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total Gross Income	22,881	-	22,881	32,111
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	22,881	-	22,881	32,111

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Receipts and payments

	2026			2025
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	3,142	-	3,142	6,207
Youth programme and activities	4,307	-	4,307	6,931
Adult support and training	-	-	-	
Rent	1,129	-	1,129	3,361
Insurance	114	-	114	234
Repairs and Renewals	-	-	-	
Materials and equipment	1,339	-	1,339	7
Printing and photocopying	-	-	-	
Contribution to camp costs	-	-	-	
Uniforms	300	-	300	
Other costs - London Trip	21,949	-	21,949	2,039
Other costs detail 2	-	-	-	-
Other costs detail 3	-	-	-	-
Sub total	32,281	-	32,281	18,779
Fundraising expenses				
Detail 2	-	-	-	-
Detail 3	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	32,281	-	32,281	18,779
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total payments	32,281	-	32,281	18,779
Net of receipts/(payments)	-9,400	-	-9,400	13,332
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	25,218	-	25,218	11,886
Cash funds this year end	15,818	-	15,818	25,218

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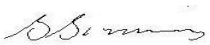
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2026			2025
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank current account	15,818	-	15,818	25,218
Cash/Floats	-	-	-	-
Total cash funds	15,818	-	15,818	25,218
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
Badge stock	812	-	812	857
Shop stock	-	-	-	-
Other stock (neckers)	180	-	180	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	9,000	-	9,000	9,000
Other	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9,992	-	9,992	9,857
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	25,810	-	25,810	35,075

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 4th May 2026 and signed on their behalf by

	Signature	Name
Chair		Samantha Simmons
Treasurer		Kenneth McKenzie