



**1<sup>st</sup> Ardrossan 15<sup>th</sup> Ayrshire Scout Group  
Annual Report and Financial Statements  
For The Period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024**

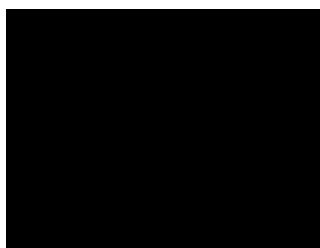
Charity Number SC011044

**1<sup>st</sup> Ardrossan 15<sup>th</sup> Ayrshire Scout Group**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**For the Period 1 Sep 2023 to 31 Aug 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the above period.

**Reference and Administrative Details**

**Charity Number** SC011044  
**Principal Office** Scout Hut, Kilmeny Terrace Ardrossan  
**Trustees** Following the AGM held 6 Feb 2024 are:



Lead Volunteer  
Chairman  
Treasurer  
Elected member  
Elected member  
Elected member

Group Secretary: 

**Governance**

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.

**Organisation Structure and Management**

The Group is an educational charity managed by a Trustee Board.

The Trustee Board consists of independent representatives, Chairman, Treasurer, Lead Volunteer and elected and co-opted members. They meet quarterly or as required either in person or using digital on-line systems such as WhatsApp and Zoom. Board members are all volunteers who work together to make sure the Scout Group is run safely and legally. The Board is responsible for:

- safeguarding,
- GDPR,
- charity registration,
- keeping proper accounts,
- making returns to the Charity Commission
- maintenance of Group property,
- raising funds and the administration of the Group finances,
- the insurance of persons, property and equipment,
- Group public occasions

All trustees must be registered with the Scout Association and must complete relevant Scout Association training modules.

**Risk Management**

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include dual authorisation for all significant payments and a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

**Aim and Method**

The aim of the Group aligns with the aim of the Scout Association, which is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and

international communities. The method of achieving the Aim is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

### **Achievements and Performance**

Once again our section leaders worked hard to provide a balanced Scouting programme.

The group operates three separate age based sections for boys and girls. We also have a very close affiliation with the Saltcoats, Ardrossan and Stevenston Explorer Scout Unit (SAS) and provide our premises for their meetings and activities.

<b>Section</b>	<b>Age Range</b>	<b>Members 2022</b>	<b>Members Jan 2023</b>	<b>Members Jan 2024</b>	<b>Target 2025</b>
Beavers	6 - 8	23	23	25	23
Cubs	8 - 10½	15	13	24	23
Scouts	10½ - 14	16	17	15	20

Our Beaver and Cub sections are at capacity and we have a waiting list in place. We anticipate an increase in Scout section numbers in 2024/25 with young people moving up from the Cub section.

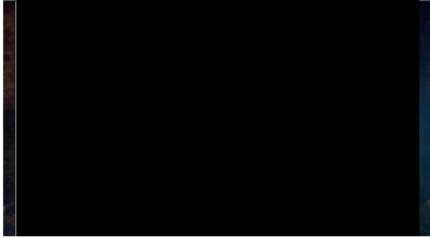
It is encouraging to report that we were able to register 21 adult volunteers this year.

### **Community Usage of Our Premises**

In addition to scout related activities, our premises continue to be used by a number of community groups. Over the period covered by this report there were 8 community groups regularly (mostly weekly) conducting their activities in our hall. It is our aim to increase this number over the coming years.

## BEAVERS

Some of the things Beavers learn about through their badge work include disability awareness, road safety, gardening, helping in the home, first aid, faith, building things, books, baking and awareness of other cultures. They often work together in groups for activities.



All section activities are planned with a purpose in mind, normally working towards an award in the form of Scout Badges. Beaver badges all have broader learning outcomes, such as Creative Skills, Faith & Community, Teamwork, Reliability and Responsibility, etc.

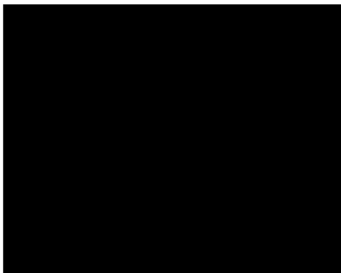
## cubs

Our Cub Scouts take many of the skills learned in Beavers to a higher level. Examples of this would be first aid, cooking/home help, the phonetic alphabet, how to understand disability, home safety, teamwork and leadership.

Activities include archery, learning about local history, beach games, hiking, camping and lighting fires (safely).



## Scouts



The Scout section is, in turn, a progression from Cubs. The same ethos applies, but activities are a bit more wide ranging, adventurous and challenging.



## EXPLORERS

Explorer Scouts are aged between 14 and 18 years of age and are the next progression for our Scout section members. The S.A.S (Saltcoats, Ardrossan, Stevenston) Explorer Scout Unit was formed in 2002 with members coming from Scout Groups based in the three towns of Saltcoats, Ardrossan and Stevenston (the initials from the three towns forming the name for the unit). The unit is based in Ardrossan Scout Group premises.

### **Financial Review**

The financial statements are presented on pages 6 to 9 of this report.

The Group's main asset is the Scout Hut at Kilmeny Terrace along with the ground on which it is built. The group also owns camping equipment and other equipment for activities.

### **Unrestricted Reserve Policy**

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level to meet 6 months operational costs of the Group.

### **Grant Funding**

Over the past year, and indeed over previous years, considerable grant funding towards the refurbishment of our premises has been received by the Group. We are indebted to many funding bodies, including:

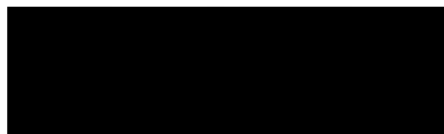
The Moffat Trust  
The Hugh Fraser Foundation  
The Robertson Trust  
Garfield Weston  
The Robert Barr Trust  
The Leslie Sell Charitable Trust  
Cunninghame Housing Association  
North Ayrshire Council  
ASDA  
Scottish Landfill  
SE Net Zero Fund

### **Group Plans for the Future Period**

The group is continuing its effort to increase youth membership across the sections and grow the leadership team.

We have embarked on phase 1 of our refurbishment project to reroof, insulate and install eco-friendly heating and lighting in the east wing of our premises. The project has been delayed, largely due to difficulty engaging suitable contractors, however, progress is being made and we estimate that phase 1 will be completed by May 2025. The poor physical state of our building is a constraint on our ability to fully utilise the premises for the maximum possible benefit to ourselves and our community. Our aim is to retrofit as close as possible to the EnerPHit standard (the new Passivhaus refurbishment standard from the Passivhaus Institute). This will provide a safe, warm and comfortable facility for our scout group and our community. It will also help us move towards a Net Zero goal.

**Signed**



Trustee Board Chairperson

**Date** 13 Jan 2025

**1st Ardrossan 15th Ayrshire Scout Group  
Independent Examiner's Report  
For the Year Ended 31st August 2024**

**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the 1st Ardrossan 15th  
Ayrshire Scout Group**

I report on the financial statement of the 1st Ardrossan 15th Ayrshire Scout Group for the Period Ended 31st August 2024 which are set out on the pages that follow.

**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) 2005 Act and the charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to © of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) © of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent examiner's statement**

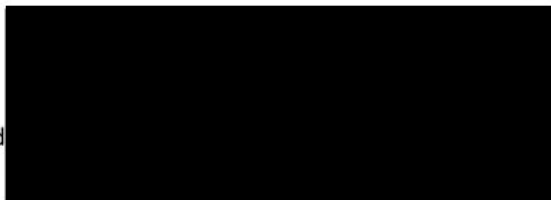
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with the records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanation 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 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
  - (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, or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Date 14 November 2024

**1st Ardrossan 15th Ayrshire Scout Group**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**For the Year Ended 31st August 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>			
Voluntary Income			
Subscriptions	3	8164	10030
Donations and Grants	4	97245	116875
Fundraising Activities and Other Income	5	6383	10998
Group Activities			
Camps and Outings			
Investment Income			
Bank Interest		4157	1979
		<u>115949</u>	<u>139882</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>			
Group Activities			
Camp , Outings , Activities and Membership	6	7595	10882
Badges and Uniforms		1065	831
Training		80	235
Premises	7	2748	6214
Administration Costs	8	39603	23620
		<u>51091</u>	<u>41782</u>
<b><u>Surplus for the Period</u></b>		<u><u>64858</u></u>	<u><u>98100</u></u>

**1st Ardrossan 15th Ayrshire Scout Group**  
**Statement of Balance**  
**As at 31st August 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b><u>Cash and Bank Balances (unrestricted)</u></b>		
Balance as at 1st April 2023	174261	76161
Surplus for the Year	64858	98100
Balance as at 31st August 2024	<u>239119</u>	<u>174261</u>

Represented by :

Bank Accounts	239119	174261
Cash in Hand		0
	<u>239119</u>	<u>174261</u>

**Other Assets**

The group owns the scout hut and garage at 15 Kilmeny Terrace , Ardrossan , togther with the land on which the premises are built and the area immediately surrounding them. It also owns equipment for camping and other activities. Said equipment is kept within these buildings. There is also a library , with many books donated in memory of the late

Signed .....(Trustee)

Date 14.11.24



**1st Ardrossan 15th Ayrshire Scout Group**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the Year Ended 31st August 2024**

**1. Funds**

The group maintains a general account for its financial transactions.

**2.Trustees Remuneration and Expenses**

The trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during this period.

<b><u>3.Subscription Income</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
Group Membership	8164	10030
Less : Fees paid to District		
Net Income	<u>8164</u>	<u>10030</u>

**4. Donations and Grants**

Project	92375	114700
Other	4870	2175
	<u>97245</u>	<u>116875</u>

**5.Fund Raising Income**

Group Fundraising Activities	67	1396
Hall Hire	2755	3276
Events	3561	6326
	<u>6383</u>	<u>10998</u>

**6. Group Activities**

Membership Costs	2916	2470
Events	4679	8412
	<u>7595</u>	<u>10882</u>

**7.Premises**

Utilities	2368	4070
Insurance		
Maintenance and Cleaning	380	2144
	<u>2748</u>	<u>6214</u>

**8.Administration**

Project Costs	35145	21123
Other	4458	2497
	<u>39603</u>	<u>23620</u>