

Dunblane High School Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group, SC052684

Financial Statements

for the

Year ended 30 September 2025

AGM - 29 April 2026

Dunblane High School Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group, SC052684
Annual Financial Report
Year ended 30 September 2025

The Treasurer has pleasure in presenting the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 30 September 2025.

Group Objective

To promote and develop the objectives of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award for the benefit of the young people of Dunblane High School by providing, or making them aware of, a range of opportunities which are of a high quality, enjoyable, challenging and rewarding. To inspire, guide and support the young people in their personal development through involvement in the Group. To promote the advancement of education by encouraging the development of knowledge in the areas of a healthy lifestyle, the outdoor environment and how to look after it, and educating the young people in the benefits of community involvement both for themselves and for their community. This will be done through involvement in the activities the young people undertake, and any training they are given during that involvement. To help develop a sense of citizenship by establishing links between the young people and their community through volunteering and involvement in local clubs. To establish and develop an ethos of support for the Group within local clubs, charities and businesses, through increased participation by the young people.

Outcomes and Impact

It is the belief of the committee that through involvement with the group, there was a positive and long lasting benefit for all the Young People involved. There will also be a secondary benefit for the volunteers and the community..

Activities & Achievements / Outputs

The 2024/25 year had 113 young people enrolling comprising 57 (83) bronze, 35 (35) silver and 21 (18) gold so a reduction from the 136 young people from 2023/24. It remains a high number of enrolments but well below the post-COVID high of 163 in 2022/23. This reduction reflects a falling school roll at Dunblane High School and wider trends in the demands on young people's time. The Committee is actively reviewing how to improve engagement and accessibility, informed by a pupil survey carried out in 2024/25

In the same period, 81 (83) participants completed their awards, including 50 (54) at Bronze, 29 (22) at Silver and 2 (7) at Gold. It should be noted that there is no direct correlation between completions and enrolments in any one year, as completions typically span 2 years or even longer.

As background to the financial results for 2024/25, it should be noted that bronze subscriptions for the future 2025/26 year were already received by 30th September 2025 totalling £4,275. The comparable figure for 2023/24 was £5,270.

The reported surplus for the period is £3,344.51.

This comprises:

- > £4,275.00 Contribution from bronze towards overall expenses
- > £2,340.00 Contribution from silver towards overall expenses
- > £1,420.00 Contribution from gold towards overall expenses
- > £5,620.00 Receipt of gold expedition monies
- > £1,500.00 Grant generously received from Dunblane Development Windfarm
- > £1,020.68 Bank interest received
- > (£5,904.82) Gold Expedition Costs
- > (£4,889.00) Enrolment pack costs from Duke of Edinburgh
- > (£1,033.00) Training Costs
- > (£974.60) Equipment repairs, replacement and upgrade
- > (£29.75) General running costs
- > **£3,344.51 TOTAL SURPLUS**

It is not the Committee's intention to generate a financial surplus or deficit during any year.

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Independent Examiner's Report
Year ended 30 September 2025**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Dunblane High School Duke of Edinburgh
Aware Group**

I report on the financial statements of the Dunblane High School Duke of Edinburgh Award Group ("the Group") for the year ended 30 September 2025 which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with the Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group and a comparison of the accounts presented with the 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 Regulations, and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the Regulationshave 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 
Name & Address of Independent Examiner
Date

18 APRIL 2026

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ACCOUNTANTS.

Charity Details

The Name the Charity is Known By: Dunblane High School Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group
Address: 25 Kellie Wynd, Dunblane, FK15 0NR

Trustees

Juan Escala, Chairperson
Alastair Scott, Treasurer
Donna Waddington, Secretary

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are recruited by the committee and appointment by vote at committee meetings.

Donated Goods and Services

The charity operates with a large group of volunteers from the community who voluntarily provide their time. This includes to attend training courses (such as child protection and outdoor leadership qualifications) in addition to directly engaging with the young people. This is likely to extent to several thousand hours per year.

Reserves Policy

The Committee believe that an appropriate level of reserves is £25,000 in total. This comprises: £13,000 for the replacement of equipment, £5,000 for any unexpected expenditure related to expeditions such as unexpected travel / accomodation, £5,000 for the cost of training of volunteers and in particular future volunteers where training and qualifications is an up-front cost, and £2,000 for the cost of outsourcing expedition leaders where volunteers become unavailable or do not possess the required qualifications.

Approved by the Committee on 29th April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:-



Chairman

Dunblane High School Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group, SC052684
Receipts & Payments Account
Year to 30th September

	Notes	2024	2025
RECEIPTS			
Enrolment fees	3	8,870.00	8,035.00
Gold Expedition fees	3	740.00	5,620.00
Grants		3,550.00	1,500.00
Bank Interest		419.90	1,020.68
Total Receipts		<u>13,579.90</u>	<u>16,175.68</u>
PAYMENTS			
Bronze / Silver / Gold level expenses	4	3,056.49	4,889.00
Gold Expedition costs		0.00	5,904.82
Training		1,083.00	1,033.00
Equipment Purchase & Maintenance and general expenses		2,294.93	1,004.35
Total Payments		<u>6,434.42</u>	<u>12,831.17</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		<u>7,145.48</u>	<u>3,344.51</u>

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Statement of Balances
Year to 30th September

	2024	2025
Cash & Bank Balances (Unrestricted)		
Opening Balance	28,168.70	35,314.18
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	7,145.48	3,344.51
Closing Balance	<u>35,314.18</u>	<u>38,658.69</u>
Bank Current Account	10,568.41	6,892.24
Bank Investment Account (30 Day Notice)	14,745.77	21,132.02
Bank Investment Account (90 Day Notice)	10,000.00	10,634.43
	<u>35,314.18</u>	<u>38,658.69</u>

Other Assets

The Group owns a quantity of camping and other sports equipment which has been acquired over a number of years by purchasing and through generous donations. The insurance replacement value is estimated at £18,561.84

Liabilities

The Group has received bronze subscriptions totalling £4,275.00 for the future 2025/26 year and has an obligation to purchase DoE subscription packs and an ethical obligation to provide the usual Duke of Edinburgh experience. This is estimated at no greater than the value of the subscriptions received so £4,275.00

A grant received for £1,500 from the Windfarm Trust have to be spent against the projects that the funding was applied for. This is planned for the 2025/26 financial year.

There are no other material liabilities or obligations.

The Notes on Page 6 form an integral part of these Accounts.

Approved by the Group Committee on 29th April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:-


Chairman


Treasurer

1 Funds

The Group maintains three bank accounts under a general fund for all its financial transactions.

2 Trustees Remuneration & Expenses

The Committee members did not receive any remuneration during the year (2024: £0)

The Trustees received expenses totalling £0 during the year (2024: £0)

3 Enrolment Income

Bronze	5,510.00	4,275.00
Silver	2,100.00	2,340.00
Gold	1,260.00	1,420.00
Gold Expedition Income	740.00	5,620.00
	<u>9,610.00</u>	<u>13,655.00</u>

The increase in gold expedition income is attributable to the group's first overseas expedition - a canoeing expedition in France.

4 Bronze / Silver / Gold level expenses **3,056.49 4,889.00**

The expenses mainly relate to the purchase of welcome packs from the Duke of Edinburgh's Award which is aligned with the number of young people enrolling. The increase from 2024 to 2025 is mainly attributable to the timing of payments.

