9th Forth Region (Dunipace) Scout Group- Apr 2025 to Mar 2026

The group had another busy year-numbers for the 3 sections dipped slightly to a total of 58 from 65 in March 25, due mainly to a dip in Beaver numbers and some of the older Scouts moving up to Explorers. Subs of 9.3k were received in the year, £300 down on last year. Non sub income was 6.7k, almost £2.3k of this was due to the annual HMRC Gift aid claim. The rest was mainly made up of Interest/Summer Gala/Xmas Fete/donation from the Coop/bag packs.

A drop in expenses of over 5k to 10.6k was mainly due to a large equipment purchase in the previous year. Closing Cashbook balance stood at £22.5k up by £5.3 to March 2025. During the year the Group moved to collecting Sub and activity money 'on line' using the Scouts OSM system. This helped enormously in collecting monies due to the Group.

The Cubs also had a busy year. Fordell Firs (Scout activity centre) was visited again this year for a camp, where all the activities were well used. Camps at the local Barrwood campsite were also very popular, as is often the case it can be the child's first time away from home so can be challenging. Easter egg hunts and Xmas parties also featured. 17 different badges were worked on during the year.

Scouts were very busy with many different activities, games and camps. Pioneering and map reading featured, as did cooking/team building/Axe and saw use/Athletics and a varied Badge programme.

As usual, volunteers are difficult to get involved in the Group, but the core of leaders we do have are very good and flexible so we continue to offer a good range of activities.

We do not anticipate having any funding issues in the coming months/years. We still have a reasonably strong demand,a healthy bank balance, and ongoing fund raising will contribute further to the Groups income

Ian M Ross-Treasurer