Scouts

37th Fife (1st Tayport)
Scout Group

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Annual Report and Financial Statement 2025/2026

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INTRODUCTION BY OUR LEAD VOLUNTEER

I have great pleasure in presenting our annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026.

As we come to the end of the group's year, I must give thanks to all those Trustees, volunteers and parents for contributing and helping deliver another successful year for the group.

As Scouting comes to the end of our "Skills for Life" strategy and embarks on our new 9-year strategic plan, "A Place to Belong". The strategy will help scouting to focus on what we do best – giving young people a place to belong and skills to thrive.

Your work although largely unsung is hugely appreciated by the group and community we are in.

Mark Irwin
Group Lead Volunteer

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2026

The trustees present their report and financial statement together with the independent examiners report for the year ending 31 March 2026.

Registered Charity Number	SC038519
Charity's Principal Address	1 Golf Crescent Tayport Fife DD6 9NA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Bruce Davidson	Chairperson
Rebecca Alan	Treasurer
Emily Levey	Trustee
Mark Irwin	Trustee

Structure, governance and management

Governing document	The Group's groups documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives bylaws of the Association, and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.
Constitution	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee appointments	The trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. Members of the Trustee Board complete 'Essential information for Executive Committees' training within the first 5 months of joining the Board.

Objectives and Activities

The Purpose of Scouting	Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.
The Vales of Scouting	As Scouts we are guided by these values: Integrity – we act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. Respect – we have self-respect and respect for others. Care – we support others and take care of the world in which we live. Belief – We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. Co-operation - we make a positive difference; we co-operate with other and make friends.
The Scout Method	Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, word 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

TRUSTEES REPORT

We continue to be in a period of transition in Scouting that will improve the volunteering experience, assist with training, and be warm and welcoming to our new volunteers. It will also help define the role of Trustees in the organisation in line with the recommendations given to the Scout Association from the various charity bodies to ensure we meet good practice. As Trustees we are continually assessing the impact of changes to The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and

Rules were risk and risk assessment are key element of the Trustees roles as well as providing a safe environment to allow Scouting to thrive. As a team we play a key part in providing oversight of our governance to the group.

Our main fundraising activities have been to secure the funding required to allow our toilet refurbishment to go ahead later in the year.

We also secured funding to allow us to buy 2 event shelters and purchase Hi-vis vests for the group including the Tayport Brownies to wear when outdoors to make them safe.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2026

Our main source of funding for our running costs as a group continues to be the subscriptions, and hall hires. The fees help in paying the Scout Association capitation fees which we pay annually, insurance, hall running expenses and providing the quality program.

Funds Policy

Our Reserve Funds Policy is to hold 2 years of running costs without any income, this can be changed by the Trustees to cover unforeseen expenses.

Restricted Funds Policy covers those funds that have been raised directly for the purpose such as the renovation of the Scout Hall or other purposes such as youth activities and can only be spent for that purpose.

Attached are our annual accounts for the period.

Receipts and Payments

	2025/2026			2024/2025
	Unrestricted Funds	**Restricted Funds**	**Total Funds**	**Total Funds**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership Fees	4,200		4,200	3,971
Donations, legacies and similar income	65		65	5
Gift Aid			0	
Sub total	4,265	0	4,265	3,976
Grants				
Toilet Refurbishment		10,800	10,800	7,500
Shelters		500	500	
Hi-Viz Vests		126	126	
Sub total	0	11,426	11,426	7,500
Fund Raising Events				
Kilt Walk	2,262	0	2,262	0
Sub total	2,262	0	2,262	0
Charitable activities				
Camp Income				
Event Income				
Other Charitable activities income				
Sub total	0	0	0	0
Other Income				
Building Hire	1,432		1,432	1,606
Other Scout Hut income			0	
Sub total	1,432	0	1,432	1,606
Investment income				
Bank interest			0	0

Sub total	0	0	0	0
Total gross income	7,959	11,426	19,385	13,082
Charitable Payments				
Membership Fees paid to Scout Association	1,680		1,680	1,732
Youth Programme Activities	427		427	349
Utilities	1,686		1,686	1,473
Insurance	1,412		1,412	1,327
Repairs / running of Scout Hut	1,778		1,778	211
Badges & Scarfs	352		352	370
AGM and trustee Expenses			0	
Bank Charges	46		46	37
Refunds			0	48
Camp Expenditure	61		61	
Event Expenditure				
Sub total	7,442	0	7,442	5,547
Grants Expenditure				
Toilet Refurbishment		16,435	16,435	
Shelters		500	500	
Hi-Viz Vests		144	144	
Sub total	0	17,079	17,079	0
Fundraising expenses	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0
Total Payments	7,442	17,079	24,521	5,547
Net Receipts	517	-5,653	-5,136	7,535

Statement of assets and liabilities1st April 2026				
	2025/2026			2024/2025
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Bank Current account	11,345	15,120	26,465	31,604
Cash	3		3	111
Total Funds 01 April 2026	**11,348**	**15,120**	**26,468**	**31,715**
Non-monetary assets for charity's own use				
Badge Stock	300		300	40
Land and Building	163,000		163,000	160,000
Equipment	500		500	120
Total	**163,800**	**0**	**163,800**	**160,160**
Liabilities	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Respective responsibilities of the 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) (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

The accounts were examined by Lynne Borland 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. No particular matters were found

Group Report

It has been a successful year for the Group with the continuation of the two sections running balanced programmes and working towards badges that will fulfil the associations skills for life objective. The year has seen fluctuations in our section membership, and we have less members compared to the same time last year.

Our own group, external groups and those hiring the hall have continued to use the kitchen to provide hot meals and refreshments for their participants. We have also had other Scout Sections sleeping in the hall and grounds, then going on to explore the area including Tentsmuir and Dundee.

We also attended the annual Remembrance Day Parade in Tayport as part of the community groups at the War Memorial.

Group Challenges

- The introduction of the Scout Vision to 2035
- Continuing our governance journey and reviewing our risks.
- The General Data Protection Regulations and the liability on the group.
- Recruiting more volunteers to our Section teams
- Growth of each section on our 2025 census figures to include the recruitment of more females.

Section Report

BEAVERS

During the year Beavers have taken part in a Quality Programme covering a lot of activities, some of which will continue into the next year.

We have undertaken the following badges:

Challenge Badges	Activity Badges	Staged Badges
Outdoors	Builder	Emergency First Aid
World	Camp Craft	Hikes
Teamwork	Communicator Cook	Musician
Skills	Experiment	Nights Away
	Explore	

Health and Fitness

In all we awarded

4 Bronze Chief Scout Awards (highest award for Beavers)
23 Challenge Awards
34 Activity Badges
40 Staged Badges
While doing this we have had fun, while promoting health and fitness, challenges, teamwork, crafts, and science.

We have continued with our inclusion of youth lead program in all our programmes with the Beavers making suggestions for activities through our Log Chews which are short meeting with Beavers to talk about what they want to do in the coming year (Youth Shaped Scouting).

Well Done Beavers and leaders we have had a good year and hope to go further next year.

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During the year Cubs have undertaken several activities as part of the Quality Programme that will continue over the coming year.

We have undertaken the following badges.

Challenge Badges	Activity Badges	Staged Badges
Personal	Artist	Community Impact
Skills	Communicator	Navigator
Team Leader	Entertainer	Nights Away
Teamwork	International	
World	Local Knowledge	
	Pioneer	
	Scientist	

In all we awarded

4 Silver Chief Scout Awards (highest award for Cubs)
14 Challenge Awards
35 Activity Badges
18 Staged Badges

The Cubs have enjoyed the activities which have helped develop their teamwork skills, problem solving skills and crafts while having fun.

We have

Continued with our youth lead program where Cubs make suggestions for activities through Pack Forums which are short meeting with Cubs to talk about what they want to do in the coming year (Youth Shaped Scouting). A number of these ideas have taken place and are some are in the planning for next year.

Several Cubs attended the Old St Andrews District Cub Camp and had a activity packed weekend under canvas including a campfire with many traditional camp songs.

The Cubs have also enjoyed a joint Halloween Disco Night with the Tayport Brownies.

Well Done Cubs and leaders it has been an exciting and challenging year with lots of fun and let's repeat this coming year. **Volunteers**

Last year saw the leadership team increase by one in the Beaver Section so welcome to Neil. We still require leaders to increase our team base and provide an active programme over the coming years.

Appeal for Volunteers

An increase in volunteers will allow us to move forward with the new vision 'Place to Belong' and provide more opportunities for our young people to gain skills through 'Youth Shaped Scouting' with leaders providing support and assistance through our sectional quality programmes. This enables our youth members to progress and achieve the highest sectional award the 'Chief Scouts Award'.

Scouting offers a range of flexible adult volunteering opportunities which help provide adventure and challenge for young people. We're looking for uniformed volunteers in both our section teams, parent helpers and trustees. Whatever your skills, experience and interests, we can find a role for you. We can help you develop your skills and learn new ones and provide you with full training and support.

We require more

- **Section Team Volunteers**

Work as a team to provide a balanced programme of activities that are age appropriate for the Section. They work as part of the Group Team and Trustee team. This a uniformed role and the volunteer makes the Scout Promise and are members of the movement.

- **Parent Helpers**

  They help the section teams providing additional support where needed including at camp and on sleepovers. They undertake Disclosure Scotland checks same as the leaders and are non-members.

- **Trustees**

  Charity Trustees are volunteers who make some of the most important decisions in Scouting. They are members of a team of Trustees and every Scout Group and District has one. The Trustees in Scouting is like a board of governors in a school; essentially, it makes sure that the best quality Scouting is delivered to young people in the local area.

  The volunteers that make up the team give their time to ensure that Scouting continues to meet its charitable purpose: safely and legally.

  Please can you help us?

General Data Protection Regulations

On the 25 May 2018 the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) come into effect and breeches of these regulations can have financial and repetitional for the group.

Personal data is classed as '**any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person.'**

The regulations make it mandatory for groups to carry out an assessment of the data they hold, how they manage the data and how to respond if something happens.

The Group Scout Leader will carry out this undertaking as the **data controller** with responsibility through the Executive Committee for decisions relating to how personal information will be used and the processing of this information.

What are the six Privacy Principles?

- Lawfulness, fairness and transparency
- Purpose limitation
- Data Minimisation
- Accuracy
- Storage Limitations
- Integrity and Confidentiality

The groups GDPR statement has been renewed annual the next being due in September 2027.

Our youth records are kept on a programme 'Online Scout Manager' which parents are given access to those records we hold regarding your child. If you do not have access, please let the GLV. Parents should check the young members records to ensure they are correct.

Should you have any questions about GDPR or how it effects your child's information please email the GLV on tayportscoutgroup@gmail.com

As part of the GPDR emails containing personal information will be deleted after processing and not retained after this time. This should not be more than 14 days from receipt.

Annual Report Submission
This report is submitted on behalf of the Trustees as the Group's Annual Report.



M T Irwin
Group Lead Volunteer
Dated: