21st Midlothian (Newtongrange) Scout Group
Trustees' Annual Report
Year ended 31.03.2026

The Trustee Board have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Name & Address
The Group's name is the 21st Midlothian (Newtongrange) Scout Group and it may be contacted at 27 Park Road, Newtongrange, EH224JX.

Constitution & Purpose
The Scout Group is constituted in terms of the Rules of The Scout Association, which is a charitable body incorporated by Royal Charter. The Group is a registered Scottish Charity - No SC045419.

The purpose of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The method of achieving the aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Trustees

Henry Melrose	Chair
Karen Ferguson	Secretary and Cub Scout Leader
Brian McRitchie	Treasurer
Caroline Duncan	Group Lead Volunteer and Cub Scout Leader
Lanthe Sutherland	Beaver Scout Leader
Micheal Cunningham	Scout Leader
Richard Ferguson	Maintenance Consultant

Trustees are recruited and appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules ("POR") of the Scout Association.

Activities & Achievements

During the year the Group has continued to follow the constitution from Scottish Variations from Policy, Organisation and Rules in line with recommendations from Scout Headquarters.

The Group Scout Council has undertaken our usual annual a review and approved the constitution.

The Group Lead Volunteer confirmed she was pleased to report that all three sections (Scouts, Cubs, and Beavers) continued to be well supported and active. The Scouts had reached their highest membership to date, with 26 young people, while Cubs had 18 members and Beavers had 23 members.

The Group Lead Volunteer highlighted the wide range of activities undertaken across all three sections during the year. These included activities supporting the local community, such as litter picking and helping to paint fences, alongside a wide programme of outdoor and adventurous activities. Young people had taken part in camps, hikes, cycling and a range of other activities, providing opportunities to develop skills, confidence and teamwork.

The Group Lead Volunteer was particularly pleased to report that more than 700 badges had been achieved and awarded to young people across the Group during the year, reflecting the breadth of activities undertaken and the commitment of both the young people and the volunteer team.

Reserves Policy

In the year from 1/4/25 to 31/3/26 the Groups expenditure was £15,338.51, income was £22,688.30, showing a surplus of £7,349.89.

We are of the view our estimated annual expenditure is around £16,000. The Group currently maintain appropriate reserves to maintain the Group and provide ongoing services.

Current reserves are £37,015.27 which is in excess of our reserve requirements. Although a strong financial position there are a number of major capital expenditure required to maintain the Scout Hall.

Work is ongoing to repair the leaking roof with an estimated cost of around £10,000 - £12,000 due to be paid in the 26/27 financial year.

There are also plans to undertake electrical re-wiring, with an estimated cost of around £5,000 - £7,000.

The Group Treasurer presented the Annual Accounts for the financial year 2025-26, noting that they had been reviewed and endorsed by the outgoing Trustee Board.

Approved by the Trustee Board on 28 September 2026 and signed on its behalf by: -

Henry Melrose
Chair