

Scouts



145th Glasgow

A Registered Scottish Charity No SC033531



Annual Report and Financial Statements 2024

145th GLASGOW SCOUT GROUP SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 22 September 2024
Lapwing Lodge Outdoor Centre

AGENDA

- 1. Introduction and welcome**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 17 September 2023
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Scottish Variations from Policy, Organisation and Rules (SV POR)
 - c. Note the Group's financial year
 - d. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
 - e. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
- 4. Review of the previous year**
 - a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the 145th Glasgow Scout Group
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
- 5. Making appointments**
 - a. Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - b. Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - d. Appoint the Independent Examiner / Auditor
- 6. Closing remarks**

145th Glasgow (Giffnock) Scout Group
Annual General Meeting
Sunday 17 September 2023 at 1400
at Lapwing Lodge Outdoor Centre

Present

Kenneth Robertson – Group Scout Leader
Judy Taggart – Chair
John Harrower – Treasurer
50 members, including Leaders

Apologies

None

Welcome

Kenneth Robertson welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked all for their attendance and support. Kenneth noted some changes coming to the structures of Scouting in the new year with a new Team approach to the sections and the establishment of a Trustee Board to align more with the requirements from OSCR as a Scottish Charity.

In particular, he welcomed the following attendees -

District Chair, Stuart Imrie, Acting District Commissioner, Gillian Caldwell and Assistant Explorer Scout Leader, Thomas Crooks.

All members of the Group had been emailed reports and accounts in advance and were asked to note the period being reviewed as 1 September 2022 – 31 August 2023.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM were circulated prior to the meeting, by email. Those present agreed the minutes were a true reflection of that meeting and were deemed to be so.

Annual Reports

Kenneth Robertson introduced the Annual Reports and congratulated all the Sections on having a great year with all sections having had a Nights Away experience over the course of the year. Thanks, were also conveyed to parents for their support during the last session and to the Executive Committee for their help with risk assessments and other related activity.

The meeting was asked for approval of the reports, and these were duly approved.

Accounts

John Harrower advised that everyone should have seen a copy of the accounts and it followed previous formats. He asked those who hadn't already made a gift aid declaration to consider this, as it was a huge help to the Group as we had just received a large return from HMRC.

The year had shown a deficit of £412 with a significant expenditure with the Explorer Belt to Canada and income towards the Switzerland Summer Camp in June 2024.

John concluded that the Group's finances were in good order, although we continue to face increased costs in the coming year with an increase in hall rental and offered to answer any questions. No questions were asked at this time.

The accounts were unanimously approved.

John conveyed a special word of thanks to David Nairn of Milne Craig for his continued support and advice, as our Independent Examiner of the accounts.

Kenneth also thanked John for his help and support with the accounts.

Nominations for the Group Executive for 2023/24

i. Office Bearers

Kenneth thanked Judy Taggart for her four years as Chair. He noted the changes coming to the structures of Scouting with a Team Structure and replacement of the Group Executive with a Trustee Board.

Kenneth nominated Judy Taggart to continue as Chair of the Trustee Board to assist with the transition and Judy was invited to Chair the remainder of the meeting.

John Harrower was proposed as Treasurer with the position of Secretary vacant.

The meeting unanimously approved these appointments.

ii. Elected Members

Judy asked if any other parents would like to join the Trustee Board and Fundraising Committee. Paul Padaruth was elected to the Trustee Board and Christina Scheefer to the Fundraising Team. We are keen for other volunteers to join, and anyone interested should speak to Kenneth or Judy following the meeting.

iii. Nominated Members

None

iv. Ex Officio Members

From the uniform side, in addition to Kenneth Robertson and Lindsay Sharp, who are automatically Trustees, Jane Husbands, Irene Hemfrey, Keir Kelso-Scott and Alasdair Keane were also willing to serve as Trustees of the Group.

v. Independent Examiner

John Harrower proposed that David Nairn be appointed as the Independent Examiner of our Accounts, in 2023-24.

The above positions were unanimously approved.

AOCB

- Kenneth took the opportunity at this point to thank all the parents in the Group who had participated in the 80th Birthday celebrations and had attended the AGM and BBQ today.
- Judy thanked from the leaders for all the work they do with the young people and encouraged everyone to engage fully in the life of the Group.
- Gillian Caldwell also offered thanks to leaders and parents for their support and effort over the last year, in particularly challenging.
- Kenneth made two long-service presentations to Judy Taggart for 5 years' service and to Lindsay Sharp for 30 years' service.
- Kenneth thanked all for their attendance and noted an outdoor meeting, with the threat of rain and the promise of a burger certainly focussed the mind.

The meeting closed at 1430.

Lindsay Sharp

DEPUTY GROUP SCOUT LEADER

BEAVERS

This year has been another busy one for the Beavers. We have a leadership team of Jane and Lindsay, along with four Young Leaders from Pegasus ESU - Alice, Mark, Yasmin and Jamie - who support us each week. Other leaders from the group and parents have also helped us with our weekly meetings and special events – many thanks.

Throughout the session we have invested 15 new Beavers and said goodbye to 10 as they have moved on to Cubs.

As well as games and creative activities, the Beavers have learnt about rights, developed skills for life, solved problems and learned to work as part of a team.

A definite highlight over the past year has been joining the Cubs and Scouts for the 145th Glasgow Group Camp at Lapwing Lodge last September and again this year!

Here is a snapshot of some of our other activities throughout the session...



Pegasus Explorers ran the Rights Challenge Badge

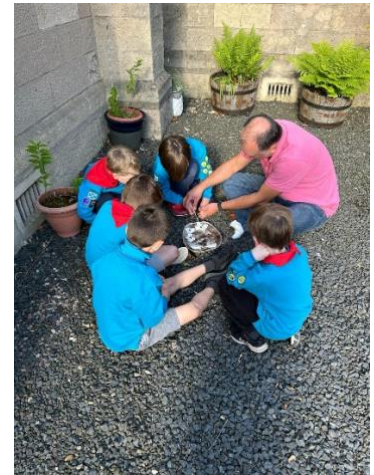
Programming Beebots – Digital Maker Badge



Agnes Brown from East Renfrewshire Foodbank visited us, and we then made a collection of items to donate.



Learning how to light fires.



A fun evening at Sportykids!



Paul came along with his Guide Dog, Mikey, to tell us about living with visual impairment.



Sleepover in the hall.



Science Centre visit.



All this helps them to earn badges as they work towards their Bronze Chief Scouts Award, and we are proud to have awarded 3 Beavers this top award during this session. In total we have awarded approximately 150 badges – including World, Adventure, Skills, Teamwork and Personal Challenge badges. The Beavers have also earned a wide variety of activity badges, both as a Colony and individually: Book Reader, Builder, Collector, Hobbies, Digital Citizen, Digital Maker, Disability Awareness, Emergency Aid, Experiment, Nautical Skills, Nights Away and Safety!

Thank you again to all those parents and leaders who have helped lend an extra pair of hands when needed – we couldn't have done it without you – and we look forward to your continued support as we head into the 2024-25 session.

Jane Husbands
BEAVER LEADER

cubs

What a busy, interesting and fun-filled session 2023-24 was, contributing to many badges along the way – **286 to be exact!**



It was wonderful to see the Cubs grow in confidence over the year and for **seven Cubs** to achieve their top award, the **Chief Scout's Silver Award**.

In the autumn they earned badges in their Environmental Challenge, Local Knowledge, Road Safety, Personal Safety, Disability Awareness and the Rights Challenge, through their activities in the hall, and out and about in

Giffnock; raising donations for the Barrhead Foodbank after hosting the foodbank's Chief volunteer; and not least from attending the Group Camp of the session at Lapwing Lodge with the rest of the 145th in September. A great experience all round.



For fun and fundraising a great Halloween Disco was enjoyed by all at Giffnock North; and the Autumn Session was rounded off with a fabulous night of bowling at the Quay where they the Cubs displayed great skills and exemplary behaviour.



In the New Year, we had our annual visit to the Panto and the Cubs were back to business earning their Fire Safety Badge which involved what many agreed was the best Tuesday of the Year at Clarkston Fire Station.

This was complimented by their Emergency Aid follow up badge and a further camp at Lochearnhead Scout Station with the Scouts and the Northern Lights! Serendipitous indeed as the camp had been themed around their Astronomy Badge. Good work Cubs!



The end of the year allowed for further fun with the mini-Olympics at Huntley Park and a visit from magician Gary Dunn to end of the year off in style!

Of course, the Cubs can't run without the volunteer leaders including the continued support of our lead Volunteer, Kenneth Robertson, for which we are most grateful. Parent volunteers will be warmly welcome to support the team on an ad hoc basis during a packed 2024/25 session.

Irene Hemfrey, Matthew Pollock and Jake Royle
145TH CUB LEADERSHIP TEAM

SCOUTS

This year started out with the Tartan Ramble which had a good turn out from Scouts and parents and was a great success.

The group celebrated its 80th birthday with a camp at Lapwing Lodge, the Scouts got up to a lot of activities including archery, high ropes, climbing walls and giant inflatables.

For Halloween we had a Disco at Giffnock North and it was great fun for the kids and parents. We had a circus skills night with thanks to Mandie and Moria Fletcher. The Scouts have also been earning badges with over 115 awarded over the course of the year.



Throughout the year we had many day walks at Whitelee Windfarm and Greenock Cut which was all in training for the 2-day expedition which cover part of the West Highland Way.

We had another camp at Lochearnhead along with the cubs and, apart from the ticks, it was a good time.

The highlight of the year was the international camp in Switzerland – three years in planning and 10 days in action. Anyone who went on it will tell you of all the amazing things that they did and saw. International camps are one of the best parts of Scouting by far, creating memories for a lifetime and something we aim to do every few years.



Thank you to all who helped last year and made all of this possible.

Keir Kelso-Scott
SCOUT LEADER

EXPLORERS

Explorer Scouting is a District provision, but we are lucky to be associated with Pegasus Explorer Scout Unit, a joint Unit between the 35th (Crookfur) and ourselves, which continues to be one of the strongest in the District. The Unit now boasts over 35 members.

This session activities have included skateboarding, an ice cream challenge, axe throwing and Bollywood dancing - demonstrating the extremely varied and exciting programme we're able to offer. The Explorers also learned about the Rights Challenge badge and then ran sessions for the Beaver Colonies and Cub Packs in the 35th and 145th, so all the young people achieved the badge. Across the session, we tried our hand at crafts with paracord, making toffee and candles, tie dyeing and making duct tape wallets.



In September, we enjoyed a weekend camp at Auchengillan, participating in a range of adventurous activities that the site offers. In February, we held the first Pegasus Race Across Scotland. The Explorers made the most of Scotland's bus network to travel from Giffnock to Stirling, Perth, Dundee and finally Edinburgh. At each checkpoint they completed challenges and activities before finding out their next destination. We were incredibly proud of how well the Explorers worked together to navigate their way through the weekend.



Another first for this year was a Christmas food collection for East Renfrewshire Larder at Morrisons Giffnock. The Explorers took time to chat to shoppers and invite them to buy something extra to donate. They collected far more than we could have imagined, and it was great to be able to support our local community.

On Tuesday evenings we managed trips to Whitelee Windfarm, the Harlequin Pantomime, Glasgow's 'West End' for our annual 'Where's Wally?' and the Skypark at Braehead.



International activities continue to be a core part of the programme, and we were delighted that 23 Explorers joined the 145th Scouts on a fabulous expedition to Switzerland, experiencing the culture of the country and taking part in river rafting, tobogganing and a visit to the Schilthorn, where a number of Unit members were invested, against a background of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau! Four Explorers also took part in the Blair Atholl International Jamborette, camping with young people from the USA and Canada.



We successfully completed Bronze and Silver DofE expeditions, and a number of our young people gained top awards, during the year.

Congratulations to:

DofE Bronze Awards: Euan Davidson, Jamie Gray, Humza Haq.

DofE Silver Awards: Vijay Ashish, Rohit Kumar, Daniel More, Oscar Parker, Jamie Pollock, Alice Riches.

DofE Gold Awards: Tabitha Baxter-Seabrook, Matthew Pollock (both former Pegasus Explorers).

Chief Scout's Platinum Award: Vijay Ashish, Euan Davidson, Matthew Gibson, Jamie Gray, Luc Lyons, Gemma McNaught, Alice Riches.

Chief Scout's Diamond Award: Rohit Kumar, Oscar Parker, Jamie Pollock, Alice Riches, Mark Thompson.

King's Scout Award: Matthew Pollock (former Pegasus Explorer).

Explorer Belt: Yasmin Badesha, Matthew Gibson, Angus Husbands, Oscar Parker, Jamie Pollock, Matthew Pollock, Joseph Quinn, Gabrielle Smith, Finlay Spooner, Jade Thompson.

Running such a varied and exciting programme is only possible with the efforts of our volunteers and I'd like to express my thanks to Scott Adams, Gillian Caldwell, Thomas Crooks, Kenneth Robertson and Molly Ward for their hard work and dedication in supporting our Explorer Scouts.

Alasdair Keane

EXPLORER SCOUT LEADER

Group Scout Leader's Report 2023 – 2024

Another year of 145th Scouting comes to an end and what a year it has been. Starting with our fundraising Tartan Ramble in September, which raised around £4000 towards Group activities and the international summer camp.



This was followed two week later by our 80th Birthday Camp at Lapwing Lodge – the first time that the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts had camped together in many years.



It has been great to see all of the sections having Nights Away experiences with the Beavers having a further sleepover, the Cubs and Scouts at Lochearnhead in May. Nights Away are a key part of Scouting and have been the one aspect that we weren't able to deliver during the years of the pandemic. As a Group we are working hard to ensure that we increase these opportunities, and I am grateful to those Leaders who are going through Scout training to be able to take our young people away.

We held a number of fundraising activities over the year. Beginning with a Family Halloween Party at the end of October, and a Race Night and Quiz and Curry Night in aid of the Switzerland trip.



As mentioned elsewhere the Switzerland Trip in June/ July 2024 was a clear highlight of the year. 44 people (33 Scouts and Explorers and 10 Adults) spend 10 days in the Swiss Alps.



I am grateful to all members of the Trustee Board who have worked this year to support the running of the 145th. In particular, I am hugely grateful to Chair, Judy Taggart who stands down at this AGM and Treasurer, John Harrower for their support this year. Many thanks also to the other trustees for their work this year, including new trustees, Paul Padaruth and Cristine Scheefer.

It would be really wonderful to see a few more parents involved when the new structures come into place to take some of the fundraising responsibilities off the Leaders whose main priority should be organising the programme of activities for our young people. However, without the fundraising activities, the programme can't always be delivered the way we would like.

I have been fortunate to have visited all Sections over the year and have met a number of parents. My thanks to you all for your support, especially in completing *GiftAid* forms as quickly as you have as this has been a great way for the Group to claim back money from HMRC.

Kenneth Robertson
LEAD VOLUNTEER

CHARITY NUMBER SC033531

145TH GLASGOW SCOUT GROUP
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name: 145th Glasgow Scout Group

Charity Number: SC033531

Trustees: Judy Taggart Chairperson
John Harrower Treasurer
Kenneth Robertson Lead Volunteer
Lindsay Sharp
Jane Husbands
Irene Hemfrey
Keir Kelso-Scott
Alasdair Keane
Paul Padaruth
Cristina Scheefer

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Milne Craig
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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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 August 2024

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

Constitution

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 SC033531

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

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

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Purpose

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting; 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.

Activities & Achievements

We held a successful Group Camp to celebrate our 80th birthday in September 2023 with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all camping at Lapwing Lodge. The Beavers also held a sleepover in the hall and Cubs and Scouts had a camp at Lochearnhead Scout Station in May. The highlight of the year was 44 members of the Group enjoying their Summer Camp in the Swiss Alps in July which was the culmination of 2 years of planning and fundraising.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The accounts show a deficit of £10,537 (2023 - £222). Unrestricted funds decreased to £12,181 (2023 - £22,718). Hall rental increased significantly over the last session, but the Group was successful in reclaiming Gift Aid for previous sessions and for the period ending 31 August 2024 to offset these costs. The biggest expenditure was the Switzerland Camp and money had been raised for this over the previous two sessions. This was a planned activity for which funds had been raised over a number of years.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees believe that around 2 months of annual expenditure is an appropriate level of reserves in order to cover the timing differences between receipts and payments and to allow for any unexpected items of expenditure on events or equipment.

Reserves at the end of the year were £12,181 (2023 - £22,718).

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Charity plans to continue to promote its charitable objectives through its activities and events.

Approved by the Trustee Board on 4th September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:-



Lead Volunteer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 7

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES & 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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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

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 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 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:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts 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.



David Nairn, CA
Director
Milne Craig
Chartered Accountants
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17th September 2024

 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary Income			
Subscriptions	4	5,218	4,835
Fund-Raising Activities	5	8,789	9,929
Grants/Donations/Gift Aid		5,290	11,362
Group Activities			
Scout Programme Events		8,440	9,095
Canada 2023		-	6,981
Switzerland 2024		31,226	11,450
Other		<u>269</u>	<u>320</u>
Total Receipts		<u>59,232</u>	<u>53,972</u>
PAYMENTS			
Cost of Fundraising	6	763	682
Group Activities Programme			
Activities Badges, Books and		13,892	13,486
Consumables		687	34
Premises & Equipment	7	5,377	2,835
General Expenditure		3,158	932
Canada 2023		-	26,568
Switzerland 2024		44,743	-
Duke of Edinburgh Award		729	1,507
Website Administration Fees		120	120
Donations		<u>300</u>	<u>7,586</u>
Total Payments		<u>69,769</u>	<u>53,750</u>
Deficit for year		<u>(10,537)</u>	<u>222</u>

All funds are unrestricted

STATEMENT OF BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Funds Reconciliation		
Balance as at 31 August 2022/2023	22,718	22,496
Deficit for year	<u>(10,537)</u>	<u>222</u>
Balance as at 31 August 2023/2024	<u>12,181</u>	<u>22,718</u>
 Bank and Cash Balances		
Bank Current Accounts	8,034	9,763
Special Camp Account	1,916	11,439
Explorer Expedition Account	1,784	882
Cash in Hand	<u>447</u>	<u>634</u>
	<u>12,181</u>	<u>22,718</u>

Other Assets

There are no other significant assets at 31 August 2024

Liabilities

There are no significant liabilities at 31 August 2024

All funds are unrestricted

The Notes on page 7 form part of these Accounts.

Approved by the Group Trustee Board and signed on its behalf by:-



John Harrower
Treasurer

4th September 2024

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. **Basis of Accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. **Nature and Purpose of Funds**

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The Trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the Group.

3. **Trustees Remuneration & Expenses**

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year (2023 - £nil).

	2024	2023
	£	£
4. Subscription Income		
Beavers	1,680	1,475
Cubs	2,565	2,310
Group	-	-
Scout Troop	1,715	1,800
Explorer Scout Unit	<u>3,810</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	9,770	8,585
Less: Paid to Scout Headquarters	<u>(4552)</u>	<u>(3,750)</u>
	<u>5,218</u>	<u>4,835</u>
5. Fund Raising Income		
Kiltwalk	625	4,797
Quiz Night	1,085	1,150
Rag Bag	298	322
Soup and Santa	862	1,163
Race Night	1,534	1,550
Tartan Ramble	3,770	354
Other Fundraising	<u>615</u>	<u>593</u>
	<u>8,789</u>	<u>9,575</u>
6. Cost of Fund Raising		
Canada Fundraising	-	52
Race Night	125	87
Quiz Nights	125	-
Soup and Santa	157	<u>503</u>
Other Fundraising	<u>336</u>	
	<u>763</u>	<u>642</u>
7. Premises/Equipment		
Hall Rental	2,500	2,500
Canada Kit	719	138
Unit Neckties/ Unit Hoodies	1,291	135
Equipment and Training	<u>867</u>	<u>62</u>
	<u>5,377</u>	<u>2,835</u>