

Scouts

Llanishen & Lisvane

Annual report by Group Lead Volunteer

MEMBERS

January 2025 Census number of members was 180, with one fifth being girls. These are spread across the 3 Beaver Colonies, 3 Cub Packs and 3 Scout Troops. We also have a large waiting list.

LEADERS

Leaders are vital to the Scout Group and arrange incredible activities for our members which provide adventure, fun, teamwork, education, outdoor activities, and promote independence, care for each other and the world around them. There are several Leaders and Helpers in each section, full time and part time. A huge thank you to all Leaders, especially the Leaders who run two sections. We are constantly aiming to recruit people who could inspire our young people.

Young Leader Explorer Scouts are vital to each section. We are grateful for their dedication.

ACTIVITIES AND CAMPS

These have been many and varied. The Leaders have provided lists of activities that they have done in their sections. Many Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards (the highest award in each section) have been earned by our members. We also took part in District events last year.

PROGRESSION TO EXPLORER SCOUTS

Our aim is that all our members should eventually join Explorer Scouts and remain in the Scouting movement. We have a close connection to Fiery Dragon Explorers, who meet at Livsey Hall but our Scouts sometimes choose other Explorer Units.

COMMUNICATION

The Group members are kept informed by OSM email, WhatsApp Groups, and Facebook.

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

The Compass system was replaced in November by the new Membership system. This is supposed to make all Leaders more responsible for their own records and training. There are a few teething problems at the moment, which we hope will get resolved. All members and helpers should have logged on by now, to check their membership.

FUNDRAISING

We have run a successful programme of fundraising in the past year, some large activities, some small.

- Summer Cake stall at Lisvane Scout Hall
- BBQ stall at Lisvane Festival Fete
- Christmas lights switch on in Lisvane (Llanishen was cancelled due to bad weather)

- Scout Post – just in Lisvane.
- Cardiff Community Lottery – Thank you if you have signed up for this. Give money to a good cause and have a chance of winning.
- Sewing on Badges.

HALL HIRE

A massive thank you to Andrew and Jeanette for running an efficient service for those people wishing to hire Livsey or Lisvane Scout Halls. This includes regular hirers: Treetops Nursery, LJC Dance, Lisvane Brownies, Little Fizz, and Mini Athletics. One off hirers and short hires during the school holidays. The income from this source has been vital to replace the money we previously raised for Scout Post and Bonfire.

SCOUT HALL MAINTENANCE

There is a rolling programme of maintenance on all Scout Halls.

In Livsey hall, the wifi is working well and we now have a new projector. We have plans to extend the patio, upgrade the outside doors and erect sound absorbing panels.

LISVANE SCOUT HALL REDEVELOPMENT

Plans have been submitted for an extension of the current hall, on the side facing the road. The existing hall will also be opened out inside so that the space will be made bigger and the light can flood in from the south side windows. The roof will be replaced. The electrics, plumbing and heating will be upgraded and solar panels added. The outside areas will be made safer. We currently have £100K saved for this project. We are applying for S106 funding and will approach local grant sources for help.

THE COURT FIELD

The Court Field is the big field next to Livsey and Fraser Halls. In the next two years, the Court School will be relocating to two new sites in Fairwater and Llanrumney. We are uncertain what plans Cardiff council has for the Court Field after that. We are so lucky to have this facility, right next to our Scout Hall. The Group have planted trees around the field and use the area for activities. Help us to make full use of this field by assisting at maintenance days, to clear the brambles, trim the hedges and weed the garden.

Hilary Ashton, Group Lead Volunteer. March 2025

Treasurer's Report – Year ending 31st December 2024

I am very pleased to report that our total funds at 31 December 2024 were £127,230, an increase of £26,896 on the previous year, due to income from renting the halls to third parties and fund raising.

	2024	2023
Receipts	£76,295	£66,842
Payments	£49,399	£53,854
Net Income	£26,896	£12,988
Funds last year end	£100,334	£87,346
Funds this year end	£127,230	£100,334

To give you a better understanding of the financial figures, below is a summary of some of the key points:

- While the surplus income of £26,896 is very encouraging, it is interesting to note that the income from a full year of increased subscriptions, charges for youth activities and uniforms, plus one year's gift aid would come to approximately £43,000. Expenses, after excluding the excess costs associated with renting out the hall and fundraising would come in slightly above this at £44,000. This shows that our subscriptions and charges for activities are just about at the correct level and the surplus income all comes from hall rental and fundraising.
- Subscriptions at £24,997, showed an increase of £3,666 over 2023. This was due to the increase to £15 per month per child from April 2024. The continuing high level of subscription income demonstrates the strength of all sections within the group. We paid the scout association £10,637 in capitation fees.
- Hall rental receipts at £22,166 (2023 was £17,920) showed an increase of over 20%. This was due to an increase in receipts from Lisvane of over £2,500 and an increase of almost £1,500 from Livsey with Treetops up slightly. Many thanks to Andrew and Jeanette for all their hard work in promoting the halls and ensuring the rent is paid.
- Fundraising at £4,995, was down on 2023 due to the Bingo evening slipping into January. Income from the cake stall and summer fete at £3,626 showed an increase of £500 on 2023. The other main contributor was badge sewing (£368) with small contributions from the Xmas post, the Cardiff Lottery and several donations. Once again, we owe thanks to the dedicated organisers and workers for this income.
- We made two gift aid claims during the year to reclaim tax paid on subscriptions received in 2021 and 2022, providing receipts of £9,901. We expect to reclaim gift aid for 2023 and 2024 in the coming year.
- In 2024, we invested our savings in higher interest savings accounts, which increased the interest earned to £2,363.
- The programme of activities continued throughout 2024 with a spend of £17,863 across all sections, funded by members paying £10,503 and £7,360 from the group.
- After the significant expenditure on electrical issues, roofing and tree maintenance at Lisvane Hall during 2023, repairs and maintenance for the 3 halls returned to a more reasonable level in 2024.
- The excess funds generated are being kept in savings accounts and are planned to be used for the upgrade of Lisvane Scout Hall.

I want to personally thank all the scouting team, led by Hilary, for their amazing work in 2024, who continue to provide an engaging and fun environment for our children, as well as ensuring funds are raised, not only the activates for everyone, but also to ensure the Scout Halls continue to be maintained and developed for future generations.

Maurice Wright

Group Treasurer

Llanishen & Lisvane Scout Group 2024

Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the year from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024

£GBP 2024 2023

Receipts

Membership Subscriptions	24,997.00	21,331.00
Youth Programme & Activities	10,503.72	9,487.45
Uniforms	1,367.50	1,236.00
Rental of Premises	22,166.45	17,919.72
Fundraising	4,995.78	7,733.61
Gift Aid	9,901.77	7,541.63
Grants	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest	2,363.44	1,592.22
Total Receipts	76,295.66	66,841.63

Payments

Scout Association Capitation Costs	10,637.40	9,994.40
Youth Programme & activities	17,863.60	15,803.63
Uniforms & Badges	3,343.62	4,415.15
Rates	2,198.66	1,993.21
Heat & Light	6,161.97	5,719.16
Telephone/Broadband	203.75	159.98
Cleaning	1,423.20	1,894.68
Repairs & Renewals	3,126.53	8,103.92
Other Property Costs	241.00	740.00
Insurance	1,510.26	1,601.11
Materials & Equipment	1,356.37	1,962.61
Stationery/Admin	366.65	490.40
Fundraising Costs	966.18	975.36
Total Payments	49,399.19	53,853.61

Excess of Receipts over Payments	26,896.47	12,988.02
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General Fund at 31 December 2023 100,334.02

General Fund at 31 December 2024 127,230.49

Reconciliation to Bank Statement at 31 December 2024

Current Account	8,218.42
Business Instant Saver	16,425.00
Fixed Term Account	51,678.10
32 Day Notice Account	0.00
95 Day Notice Account	50,908.97
Total Cash in Bank	127,230.49

Approved by the Trustees on

6/4/2025

Signature:

N.R. Palmer

Print Name:

N.R. PALMER

Signature:

H.J. Ashton

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Llanishen and Lisvane Scout Group

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

524919

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

3 APRIL

Name:

RAVI NALLIAH

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