

15th Ayrshire (1st Ardrossan) Scout Group

Scotland · Charity number SC011044

Details

Known as	Ardrossan Scout Group
Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Registered	1978-07-18
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Ardrossan Scout HQ Kilmeny Terrace Ardrossan KA22 8DX
Website	www.ardrossanscoutgroup.org.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development'

What the charity does: Our development of young people takes place when the young people, in partnership with adults, work 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.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people'

Objectives: Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society

Geography

- **Main operating location:** North Ayrshire
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£103,508	£187,052	-	0
2024-08-31	£115,949	£51,091	-	0
2023-08-31	£139,882	£41,782	-	0
2022-03-31	£17,595	£11,532	-	0
2021-03-31	£13,351	£4,669	-	0

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**1st Ardrossan 15th Ayrshire Scout Group
Annual Report and Financial Statements
For The Period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025**

Charity Number SC011044

1st Ardrossan 15th Ayrshire Scout Group
Report of the Trustees
For the Period 1 Sep 2024 to 31 Aug 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the above period.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Number SC011044
Principal Office Ardrossan Scout HQ, Kilmeny Terrace Ardrossan
Trustees Following the AGM held 18 Feb 2025 are:

David Howie	Lead Volunteer
Alan Donaldson	Chairman
Grae Allan	Treasurer
Tracey Yuille	Elected member
Alastair Dodds	Elected member
Finlay MacFarlane	Elected member
Jane Waller	Elected member

Group Secretary: Jennifer Smith

Governance

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Aim and Method

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potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Achievements and Performance

Once again our section leaders worked hard to provide a balanced Scouting programme.

The group operates three separate age based sections for boys and girls. We also have a very close affiliation with the Saltcoats, Ardrossan and Stevenston Explorer Scout Unit (SAS) and provide our premises for their meetings and activities.

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Beavers	6 - 8	23	25	23	23
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Scouts	10½ - 14	17	15	22	23

Our Beaver and Cub sections were at capacity and a waiting list was in place. Our Scout section numbers in 2024/25 increased with young people moving up from the Cub section attracted by the exciting and adventurous programme. Our adult volunteer team was 20 strong this year.

Community Usage of Our Premises

In addition to scout related activities, our premises continue to be used by a number of community groups. Over the period covered by this report there were 5 community groups regularly (mostly weekly) conducting their activities in our hall, a slight reduction from the previous period. This could partly be due to disruption resulting from our refurbishment work, however we believe demand for our premises will increase when Stage 1 of the work is complete and we can re-open the east wind of the building.

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Explorer Scouts are aged between 14 and 18 years of age and are the next progression for our Scout section members. The S.A.S (Saltcoats, Ardrossan, Stevenston) Explorer Scout Unit was formed in 2002 with members coming from Scout Groups based in the three towns of Saltcoats, Ardrossan and Stevenston (the initials from the three towns forming the name for the unit). The unit is based in Ardrossan Scout Group premises.

Financial Review

The financial statements are presented on pages 6 and 7 of this report.

The Group's main asset is the Scout Hut at Kilmeny Terrace along with the ground on which it is built. The group also owns camping equipment and other equipment for activities.

Unrestricted Reserve Policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level to meet 6 months operational costs of the Group.

Grant Funding

Over the past year, and indeed over previous years, considerable grant funding towards the refurbishment of our premises has been received by the Group. We are indebted to many funding bodies, including:

The Moffat Trust
The Hugh Fraser Foundation
The Robertson Trust
Garfield Weston
The Robert Barr Trust
The Leslie Sell Charitable Trust
Cunninghame Housing Association
North Ayrshire Council
ASDA
Scottish Landfill
SP Energy Net Zero Fund

Group Plans for the Future Period

The group is continuing its effort to grow the leadership team to help expand our adventure activities and allow us to increase youth membership across the sections.

Premises

During the year we were busy working on Stage 1 of the refurbishment and retrofit of our premises (the east wing). This involved stripping out all asbestos containing material, strengthening and "beefing up" the building frame, replacing the old roof with an insulated single ply membrane roof, building new toilets and kitchen, internal and external wall insulation and renewing electric, plumbing, lighting and heating. We have funds to complete Stage 1 in the next period and make a start on Stage 2.

We anticipate a gradual increase in use of the premises by community groups as soon as Stage 1 is complete.

Our aim is to retrofit as close as possible to the EnerPHit standard (the new Passivhaus refurbishment standard from the Passivhaus Institute). This will provide a safe, warm and comfortable facility for our scout group and our community. It will also make us a lot less wasteful in our use of energy.

Signed



Trustee Board Chairperson

Date 3 Dec 2025

1st Ardrossan 15th Ayrshire Scout Group (SCO 11044)

Independent Examiner's Report

For the Year Ending 31st August 2025

Independent Examiners report to the Trustees of the 1st Ardrossan 15th

Ayrshire Scout Group

I report on the financial statement of the 1st Ardrossan 15th Ayrshire Scout Group for the Period Ended 31st August 2025 which are set out on the pages that follow

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirements of Regulations 10(1) (a) to © of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44 (1) © 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 the records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanation 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 accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - (a) To keep accounting records in accordance with the regulations and

(b) to prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the 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.

Signed Alister Kerr (ACMA)

Date 21/10/25

1st Ardrossan 15th Ayrshire Scout Group		
YEAR END 1 Sep24 to 31 Aug25 - R1 11Oct25		
	2024-2025	2023-2024
Income		
*Project-Refurb	£79,216.65	£92,375.34
Admin	£2,968.75	£3,009.00
Badge & Uniform	£11.50	£128.00
Bank Interest	£2,857.28	£4,157.71
Donation	£2,600.00	£1,733.00
Events	£3,689.50	£3,561.00
Fundraising	£20.96	£66.53
Hall Income	£3,027.50	£2,755.00
Membership Fees	£9,116.00	£8,164.00
Total Income	£103,508.14	£115,949.58
<i>Income for Scout Operations (ie less Project & Interest)</i>	<i>£21,434.21</i>	<i>£19,416.53</i>
Expense		
*Project-Refurb	£172,269.40	£35,145.06
Activity Equipment	£893.52	£506.36
Admin	£2,111.80	£3,952.16
Badge & Uniform	£887.08	£1,065.13
Events	£3,622.26	£4,071.93
Meetings	£19.50	£0.00
Meetings - Beavers	£386.26	£319.03
Meetings - Cubs	£40.09	£188.38
Meetings - Scouts	£156.28	£99.80
Membership Costs	£3,559.00	£2,915.50
Training	£734.00	£80.00
Utilities	£2,214.31	£2,367.94
Venue Maintenance	£159.23	£380.11
Total Expense	£187,052.73	£51,091.40
<i>Expense for Scout Operations (ie less Project)</i>	<i>£14,783.33</i>	<i>£15,946.34</i>
Total Net Position (Income Less Expense)	-£83,544.59	£64,858.18
<i>Net Position for Scout Operations (Income Less Expense)</i>	<i>£6,650.88</i>	<i>£3,470.19</i>
Account balances		
. Virgin CURRENT Acc	£107,914.51	£74,424.27
Expense Account	£1,281.87	£1,208.73
.RBS ACCOUNT	£326.29	£291.54
. Virgin SAVER Acc	£46,051.55	£163,194.27
Summary		
Account balance brought forward	£239,118.81	£174,260.63
Total income	£103,508.14	£115,949.58
Total expenditure	£187,052.73	£51,091.40
Net income	-£83,544.59	£64,858.18
Account balance carried forward	£155,574.22	£239,118.81
Of which the balance of Grant Funding and Interest is:	£125,502.53	
<i>Remaining balance relates to Scout Operation Funds:</i>	<i>£30,071.69</i>	

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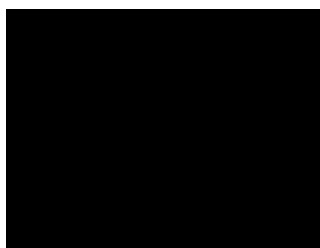
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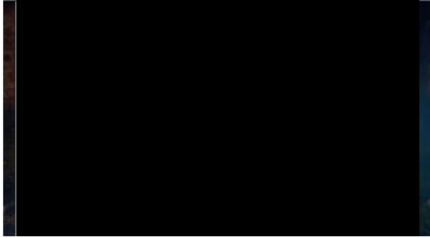
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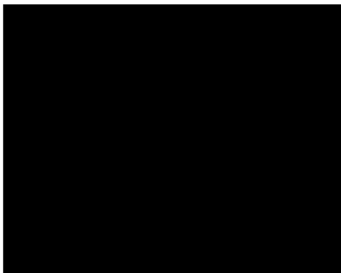
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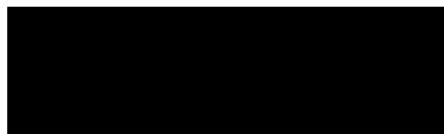
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Group Plans for the Future Period

The group is continuing its effort to increase youth membership across the sections and grow the leadership team.

We have embarked on phase 1 of our refurbishment project to reroof, insulate and install eco-friendly heating and lighting in the east wing of our premises. The project has been delayed, largely due to difficulty engaging suitable contractors, however, progress is being made and we estimate that phase 1 will be completed by May 2025. The poor physical state of our building is a constraint on our ability to fully utilise the premises for the maximum possible benefit to ourselves and our community. Our aim is to retrofit as close as possible to the EnerPHit standard (the new Passivhaus refurbishment standard from the Passivhaus Institute). This will provide a safe, warm and comfortable facility for our scout group and our community. It will also help us move towards a Net Zero goal.

Signed



Trustee Board Chairperson

Date 13 Jan 2025

**1st Ardrossan 15th Ayrshire Scout Group
Independent Examiner's Report
For the Year Ended 31st August 2024**

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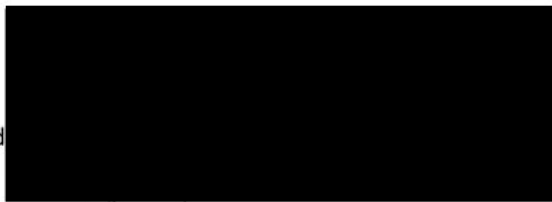
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Signed



Date *H. November 2024*

**1st Ardrossan 15th Ayrshire Scout Group
Receipts and Payments Account
For the Year Ended 31st August 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<u>Receipts</u>			
Voluntary Income			
Subscriptions	3	8164	10030
Donations and Grants	4	97245	116875
Fundraising Activities and Other Income	5	6383	10998
Group Activities			
Camps and Outings			
Investment Income			
Bank Interest		4157	1979
		<u>115949</u>	<u>139882</u>
<u>Payments</u>			
Group Activities			
Camp , Outings , Activities and Membership	6	7595	10882
Badges and Uniforms		1065	831
Training		80	235
Premises	7	2748	6214
Administration Costs	8	39603	23620
		<u>51091</u>	<u>41782</u>
<u>Surplus for the Period</u>		<u>64858</u>	<u>98100</u>

**1st Ardrossan 15th Ayrshire Scout Group
Statement of Balance
As at 31st August 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
<u>Cash and Bank Balances (unrestricted)</u>		
Balance as at 1st April 2023	174261	76161
Surplus for the Year	64858	98100
Balance as at 31st August 2024	<u>239119</u>	<u>174261</u>
Represented by :		
Bank Accounts	239119	174261
Cash in Hand		0
	<u>239119</u>	<u>174261</u>

Other Assets

The group owns the scout hut and garage at 15 Kilmeny Terrace , Ardrossan , together with the land on which the premises are built and the area immediately surrounding them. It also owns equipment for camping and other activities. Said equipment is kept within these buildings. There is also a library , with many books donated in memory of the late



Signed (Trustee)

Date 14. 11. 24

**1st Ardrossan 15th Ayrshire Scout Group
Notes to the Accounts
For the Year Ended 31st August 2024**

1. Funds

The group maintains a general account for its financial transactions.

2.Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

The trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during this period.

<u>3.Subscription Income</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Group Membership	8164	10030
Less : Fees paid to District		
Net Income	<u>8164</u>	<u>10030</u>

4. Donations and Grants

Project	92375	114700
Other	4870	2175
	<u>97245</u>	<u>116875</u>

5.Fund Raising Income

Group Fundraisng Activities	67	1396
Hall Hire	2755	3276
Events	3561	6326
	<u>6383</u>	<u>10998</u>

6. Group Activities

Membership Costs	2916	2470
Events	4679	8412
	<u>7595</u>	<u>10882</u>

7.Premises

Utilities	2368	4070
Insurance		
Maintenance and Cleaning	380	2144
	<u>2748</u>	<u>6214</u>

8.Administration

Project Costs	35145	21123
Other	4458	2497
	<u>39603</u>	<u>23620</u>