

Comely Bank Scout Group (122nd Craigmmond)

Scotland · Charity number SC011217

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Registered	1986-10-18
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	24 Belford Avenue Edinburgh EH4 3EJ
Website	www.comelybankscouts.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: We are a Scout Group, constituted under the rules of the Scout Association, which promotes the development of young people to achieve their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national and international communities. We achieve this through providing an enjoyable & attractive scheme of training and activities for our members aged 6 to 18 in our various Sections (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers).

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:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£67,681	£92,683	-	0
2024-03-31	£96,867	£59,846	-	0
2023-03-31	£55,083	£54,507	-	0
2022-03-31	£47,929	£53,589	-	0
2021-03-31	£25,484	£3,969	-	0

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Accounts

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Annual Report & Financial Statements
for the
Year ended 31 March 2025



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**Comely Bank Scout Group (122nd Craigmmond)
Trustees' Annual Report
Year ended 31 March 2025**

The Group Executive Committee have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Name & Address

The Group's name, registered with OSCR, is the Comely Bank (122nd Craigmmond) Scout Group and it may be contacted at [REDACTED]

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 SC011217

The purpose of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, 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.

[REDACTED]

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

Activities & Achievements

The key achievements during the period have been:

- All Sections in the Group, and our partnered Pink Panthers Explorer Unit, continue to run a successful and varied programme for young people, aged from 6 to 18. The Group has continued to regain momentum in terms of camping skills and developing leadership skills in Cub Sixers and Scout Patrol Leaders.
- We continue with our traditional model of one Beaver Colony, one Cub Pack and one Scout Troop, and have over 70 active members across the sections. We still have waiting lists for some ages, although it is unlikely the existing Group sections will grow much beyond their current size for the foreseeable future.
- After some of our section teams went through a period of change during the prior year, with a few long-standing leaders stepping down for personal reasons, and with the addition of new volunteers, we remain eager to hear from anyone who could boost our leadership team and help to deliver exciting programmes for our young people.
- The Pink Panthers Explorer Unit now has over 90 members, and still reports its financial affairs through our Group charity, although its operation is managed by the Craigmmond District team. We are working with the District to review the governance of the Pink Panthers' finances.
- Our support of the Young Leader scheme continues to offer development opportunities and leadership experience to members of the Pink Panthers Explorer Unit.
- The persistent growth in youth numbers has led to ongoing increased investment in camping equipment, which in turn increases the amount of storage space required. A further priority for the Group and Unit is securing long-term storage space sufficient to meet current and future needs.
- The deficit in the year primarily reflects lower fundraising and camp income received compared to the prior year and increased camp expenses paid in the current year, both driven by the Explorer Unit's European trip in summer 2024, higher membership fees paid to Scout Headquarters, and a reduction in equipment purchases.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees consider that around six months of committed annual expenditure (therefore excluding equipment, camps, fundraising and capitation) is an appropriate level of reserves in order to cover the timing differences between receipts and payments and to allow for unexpected events or items of expenditure.

Approved by the Group Executive Committee on 30th December 2025

and signed on its behalf by :-

[REDACTED]
Treasurer

Comely Bank Scout Group (122nd Craigmaldon)
Independent Examiner's Report
Year ended 31 March 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 122nd Craigmaldon Scout Group

I report on the financial statements of the 122nd Craigmaldon Scout Group ("the Group") for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 44 (1) (c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations"). The Group's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1) (d) 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.

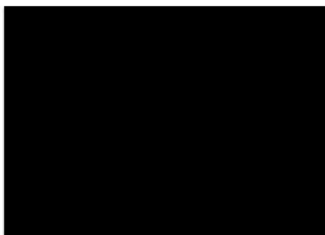
Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 Group and a comparison of the accounts presented with the 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
 - 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.



Date: 30/12/25

Comely Bank Scout Group (122nd Craigmound)
Statement of Balances
as at 31 March 2025

	31/03/2025	31/03/2024
	£	£
Cash & bank balances (unrestricted)		
Balance as at 1 April 2024	86,080.76	49,059.67
(Deficit) / surplus for the year	(25,002.14)	37,021.09
Balance as at 31 March 2025	<u>61,078.62</u>	<u>86,080.76</u>
Bank current accounts	60,837.60	85,805.51
Cash in hand	241.02	275.25
	<u>61,078.62</u>	<u>86,080.76</u>

Other Assets

The Group owns tents and other camping equipment. The historic cost of which, before allowing for any depreciation, is £66,847.49 (2024: £63,173).

Liabilities

The Group had the following expenditure commitments as at 31 March 2025:

- Rental and other expenses of £600 (2024: £600)
 - Expenditure of income collected for future camps £750 (2024: £38,670)
- Estimated cash remaining after payment of the above commitments would be £59,728.62 (2024: £46,811).

The notes on page 5 form an integral part of these accounts.

Approved by the Group Executive Committee on 30th December 2025



Treasurer

Comely Bank Scout Group (122nd Craigmaldon)
Receipts and Payments account
Year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Year ended 31/03/2025 £	Year ended 31/03/2024 £
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary income			
Subscriptions	3	8,693.00	11,368.00
Gift aid		7,189.64	6,264.92
Fund-raising activities	4	6,401.52	14,421.23
Group activities			
Scout programme events		2,325.00	5,164.00
Camps		43,071.51	59,648.54
Total receipts		67,680.67	96,866.69
PAYMENTS			
Group activities			
Programme activities		4,489.07	5,100.23
Camps	5	71,619.22	35,908.16
Badges, neckers & materials		3,465.05	2,239.77
Leader Training		1,717.33	460.00
Stationery & website		100.66	147.03
Equipment purchase & maintenance		4,257.12	9,931.46
Grants, donations & fundraising expenses	6	563.31	1,297.32
Premises	7	5,080.06	3,434.00
Other Expenses	8	1,390.99	1,327.63
Total Payments		92,682.81	59,845.60
(Deficit) / surplus for the year		(25,002.14)	37,021.09

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The accounts are prepared on a cash basis, as a result, related income and expenditure may be shown in different financial years.

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Notes to the Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2025

	Year ended 31/03/2025	Year ended 31/03/2024
	£	£
1 Funds		
The Group maintains a single undesignated general fund for all its financial transactions.		
2 Trustees Remuneration & Expenses		
The Trustees did not receive any remuneration during the period (2023/24: Nil).		
The Trustees did not receive any expenses during the period (2023/24: Nil).		
3 Subscription Income		
Beaver Colony	2,680.00	2,360.00
Cub Pack	2,960.00	3,320.00
Scout Troop	2,960.00	2,520.00
Explorer Unit	9,417.00	11,040.00
	<u>18,017.00</u>	<u>19,240.00</u>
Less: Paid to Scout Headquarters	<u>(9,324.00)</u>	<u>(7,872.00)</u>
	<u>8,693.00</u>	<u>11,368.00</u>
4 Fundraising Income		
Donation from leaders' employers (2024: Kainos)	-	250.00
Fundraising & grants for Explorer Unit overseas camps	-	9,768.89
Other grants	-	714.00
Easy Fundraising & Amazon Smile	42.32	22.12
Other (including sponsored events, fairs & donations)	6,359.20	3,666.22
	<u>6,401.52</u>	<u>14,421.23</u>
5 Camp Expenses		
Weekend camps, sleepovers and summer camp expenses	9,407.76	16,374.84
Explorer Unit overseas camp expenses	62,211.46	19,533.32
	<u>71,619.22</u>	<u>35,908.16</u>
6 Grants, donations & fundraising expenses		
Fundraising expenses	563.31	1,297.32
	<u>563.31</u>	<u>1,297.32</u>
7 Premises		
Hall and storage rent	5,080.06	3,434.00
	<u>5,080.06</u>	<u>3,434.00</u>
Included in the storage rent expense is a related party transaction with [REDACTED] Trustee of the Charity. [REDACTED] owns a garage which the Group has sole use of for storage of equipment. The Group pays [REDACTED] £600 each year for use of this storage space. The storage expense paid to [REDACTED] in the year ended 31 March 2025 was £600 (2024: £600).		
8 Other Expenses		
GoCardless Fees	401.81	399.78
OSM Transaction fees	712.93	698.95
Sundries	276.25	228.90
	<u>1,390.99</u>	<u>1,327.63</u>