

	Notes	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
Receipts			
Subscriptions		6118.68	5815.63
Programme Activities & Events		225.16	2038.63
Camps		14599.74	5843.75
Fundraising	2	807.28	1537.51
Letting Donations		22084.75	20193.00
Donations	4	355.00	18.00
Grants		35546.16	0.00
Miscellaneous		0.00	0.00
Transfer Troop/Cub/Beaver		0.00	0.00
Gift Aid		1658.63	1647.50
Total Receipts for Year		<u>81395.40</u>	<u>37094.02</u>
Payments			
Census		4147.50	3458.00
Programme			
Badges & Uniform	1317.04		564.18
Programme Activities & Events	1243.19		1920.38
Camps	<u>8105.29</u>	10665.52	<u>5604.60</u>
Scout HQ Running Costs			8089.16
Electric	4457.77		5779.45
Phone	651.56		567.17
Insurance	1244.13		1184.51
Repair and Replace	876.26		1030.26
Cleaning	10800.00		8584.56
Administration	<u>338.00</u>	18367.72	<u>224.02</u>
Fundraising		0.00	17369.97
Equipment		629.57	48.05
Adult Volunteer Training		991.75	69.20
Scout Hall Capital Expenditure		44530.34	0.00
Cathedral Hall Rent		400.00	0.00
Miscellaneous		0.00	0.00
Total Payments for year		<u>79732.40</u>	<u>29434.38</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		1663.00	7659.64

	2023/24	2022/23
Fixed Assets		
Land & Buildings	0.00	0.00
Current Assets		
Cathedral Beavers - cash at bank	151.40	151.40
Reserve Fund	13000.00	13000.00
Unrestricted Funds	7481.88	13185.69
Restricted Fund: Norway Camp	7366.81	0.00
Group - Cash at Bank	<u>27848.69</u>	<u>26185.69</u>
	<u>28000.09</u>	<u>26337.09</u>
Total Assets	28000.09	26337.09
Represented by:		
General Fund - start of year	26337.09	18677.45
Surplus/Deficit in Year	<u>1663.00</u>	<u>7659.64</u>
	<u>28000.09</u>	<u>26337.09</u>

Assets

The Group owns the Scout Building at Walker Park, Kingsmills Road, Inverness which were purchased in 2016 for £12,000. Following updated advice from OSCR the purchase of the building was written down to £0 in 2022, as the Group headquarters has no commercial value

The Group owns a quantity of camping and other equipment which has been acquired over a number of years.

Reserves Policy

The Group maintains a financial reserve equivalent to 9 months running costs for the HQ building currently £13,000

Liabilities

The Group has no material liabilities or obligations.

The notes on Page 11 form an integral part of these accounts.

Approved by the Group Executive Committee on 19/06/2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Group Chairman



Group Lead Volunteer

Notes to the Accounts:
Year Ended 31st March 2025

1. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses:

2023/24 The Trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year.
(2022/23: also nil)

2. Fundraising

	£
Income	
Prize Bingo (Norway)	29.64
Bag Packing (Norway)	0.00
	840.18
	606.00
	<u>£1,475.82</u>

Expenses

£0.00

3. Equipment

No Equipment was purchased during the financial year

£0.00

4. Donations

Preece Family £355.00

£355.00

Independent Examiner Report to the Trustees of 2nd Inverness (Kingsmills) Scout Group

Scottish Charity No. SC016603

I report on the financial statements of the 2nd Inverness (Kingsmills) Scout Group ("The Group") for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The Group 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.

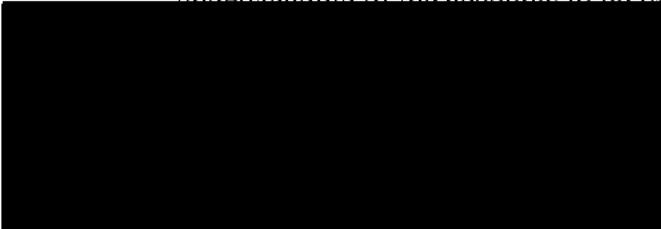
Basis of Independent Examiners Statement

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 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 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'
 - a. To keep accounting records in accordance with section 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - b. To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met.
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

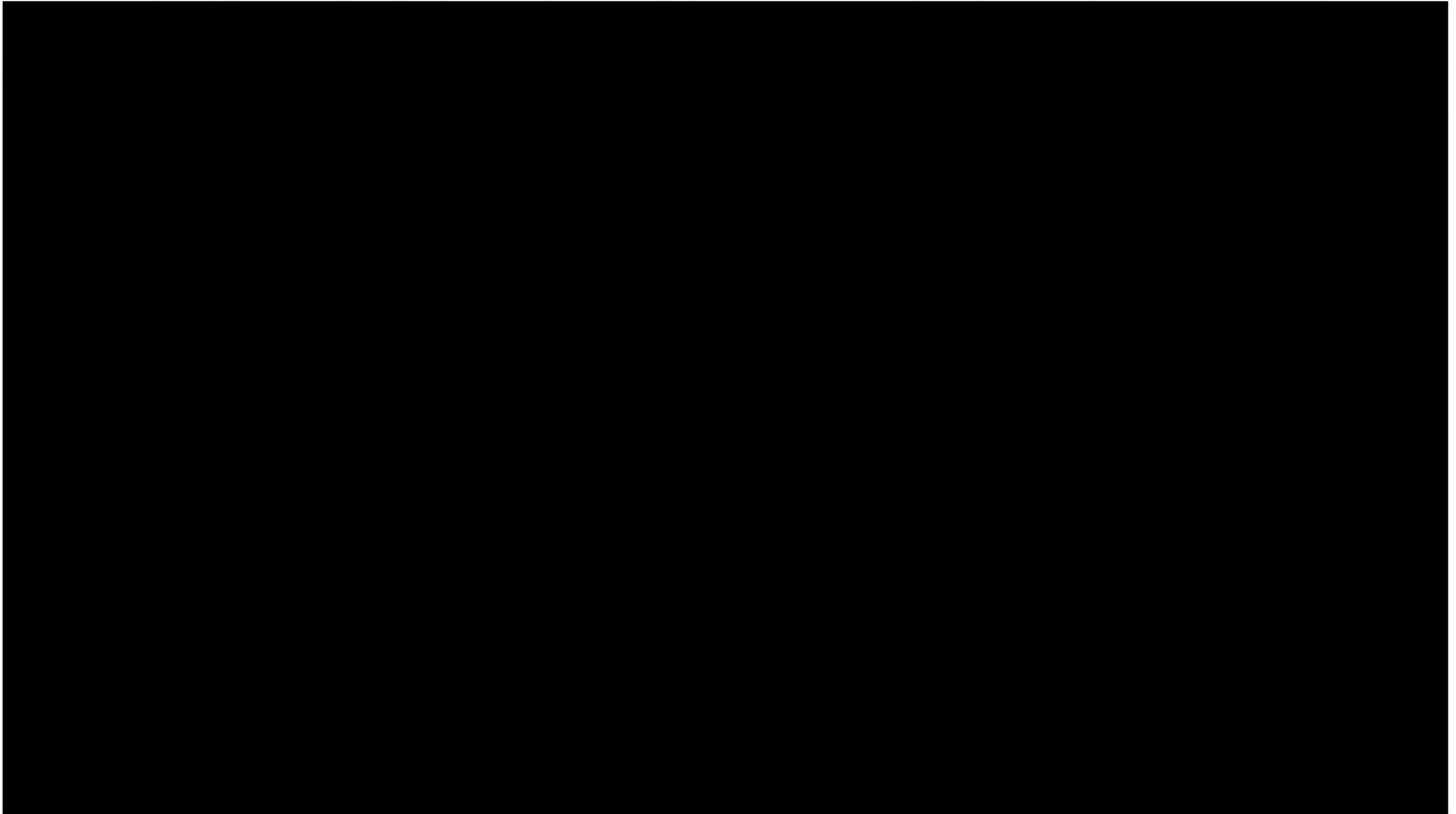


Independent Examiner
9th June 2025

Annual Report 2025

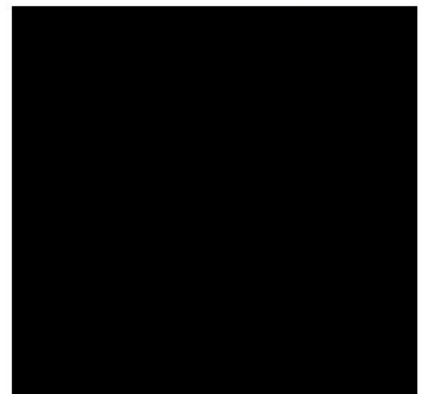
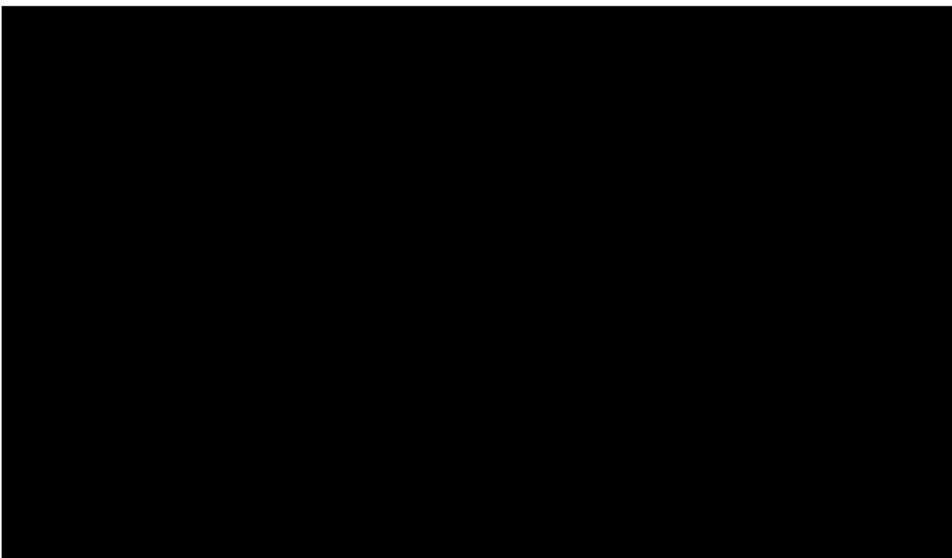
Group Lead Volunteer's Report


Well, another year of Scouting at 2nd Inverness Scout Group and plenty to report on.



We have 81 young people across our four sections (2 Beaver Colonies, a Cub Pack and a Scout Troop) and between them they have been awarded over 750 badges in the last year, including 4 Chief Scout's Awards, the highest award they can get in each section.

All the sections have had fun packed programs full of activities both indoors and out as we work to equip the young people with Skills For Life.





The Scouts have had a summer camp to experience the weather on Orkney (rain and wind, it seemed, with occasional sunshine!) along with a couple of weekend camps for the whole troop and an adventure camp and patrol leaders' camps for the older Scouts.

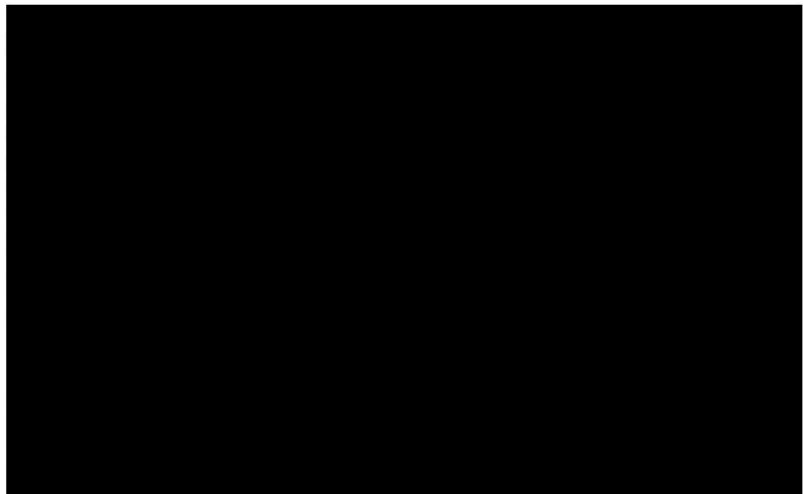
Much of the Group's endeavours have been directed towards the Scout Troop's trip to the Norwegian National Jamboree in July this year, with about £5,000 raised through various activities both at the Scout Hall and elsewhere. The planning has involved all the Sections, as the Scouts have been to Beaver and Cub meetings to tell the younger members about the trip and show them some traditional Norwegian Scouting activities!



Foreign Trips are a big part of Scouting, and the Norwegian Camp marks a final return to normality, with the 2021 Trip being cancelled for some reason or other.....

We hope that all the younger Scouts, Cubs and Beavers will get a chance to do a foreign trip with us in the future as we aim to go abroad to a major Scouting Event every four years.

None of the above would be possible without the Section Volunteers (we're not called "Leaders" anymore, at least not officially). Whilst we have over 80 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in the group, we also have over 160 young people on the waiting list. For every young person who gets to join us for fun and adventure, there are two more that can't.....



We are always on the lookout for more adult help. Being a uniformed Volunteer (a Leader in old parlance) is a very rewarding and enjoyable pastime, we wouldn't do it if it wasn't, but it's not the only help we need. We have spaces for volunteers at every level, from Trustee Board to helping out at Section nights and events. No special skills are needed, just enthusiasm. Even towing a trailer to a camp, or baking a few cakes for a coffee morning really helps the group out.

During the year we have also had a number of noteworthy events for the leadership team.

[REDACTED] one of the Scout Leaders, was invited to Windsor Castle in April for the annual St George's day Parade to recognise his receipt of The Chief Scout's Commendation for Meritorious Conduct for his actions at the scene of a road accident as an Explorer Scout.

Earlier this year we sadly lost Robert Preece. Bob had been the Scout Leader and Group Scout Leader at 2nd Inverness (Kingsmills) Scouts from before it was either 2nd Inverness or Kingsmills. The existence of this Scout Group at all is testament to his efforts over more than 50 years and he set standards that we still endeavour to meet with our camping program in particular.

Not only did Bob move the Scouts to the Walker Park Scout Hall, but he also played a crucial role in extending the building in the early 70's with the construction of the main hall.

We were very pleased that Bob, [REDACTED] consented to allow us to name the

shortly before his passing, main hall after him.

The "Robert Preece Hall"



Finally, I would like to convey my specific thanks to [REDACTED] our Group Chairman, and to my predecessor, [REDACTED] who has avoided a restful break after stepping down as Group Scout Leader by continuing to lead the Scout Troop as well as taking on the rest of the world as the Area Lead Volunteer for British Scouts Overseas. Both have provided me with tremendous support over the last year for which I am very grateful.

Thank You

[REDACTED]
Group Lead Volunteer.

Andy Hamilton,

Chair of Trustees

This has been our first 12 months of the new Trustee model. The role of the Trustees is to provide 'oversight' of the running of the whole group which is different from the previous role of the parents committee. The responsibilities include:

- Governance
- Financial Oversight
- Risk Management
- Strategic Planning;
- Resource Management; and
- Safe Guarding

The Trustees have focused on financial oversight and understanding how risk assessments are carried out for all section activities. Work has started on a developing a risk register for the group as well. I would like to thank our Trustees for their valuable contributions over the past year.

At last year's AGM, I highlighted that in the school holidays of 2024 we were about to embark on a hall insulation project. This project was successfully completed, and it looks as if this has almost halved out energy consumption and will save us a lot of money going forward. With a total project cost of £43,128, Highland Council provide a grant of £35,546 to support the project which also included new heaters. We are very grateful of this support from the Council and I would like to take this opportunity to thank parent [REDACTED] for providing the plans for the work and handing the quotes and building contractors. We have another idea for a further building project which, whilst at an early planning stage, will provide additional meeting space. Further information regarding this will be provided in due course.



I had the pleasure of being invited to the Scout Section's camp in May at Badaguish which was very enjoyable. It also reinforced to be, as Trustee Chair, the considerable amount of planning which is required by our Leaders (all volunteers) to put these type of safe activities together and indeed to develop an excellent programme of activities for all of our sections throughout the year. I would like to thank all of the Volunteer Leaders for giving up their time to provide such amazing opportunities for our young people.

[REDACTED] Chair of the Trustee Board

Governance

2nd Inverness (Kingsmills) Scout Group

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st March 2025 Scottish Charity Number SC016603 will be presented on the AGM night and then sent for approval

Name & Address:

The 2nd Inverness (Kingsmills) Scout Group may be contacted c/o 20 Redwood crescent, Inverness, IV2 6HB

Constitution

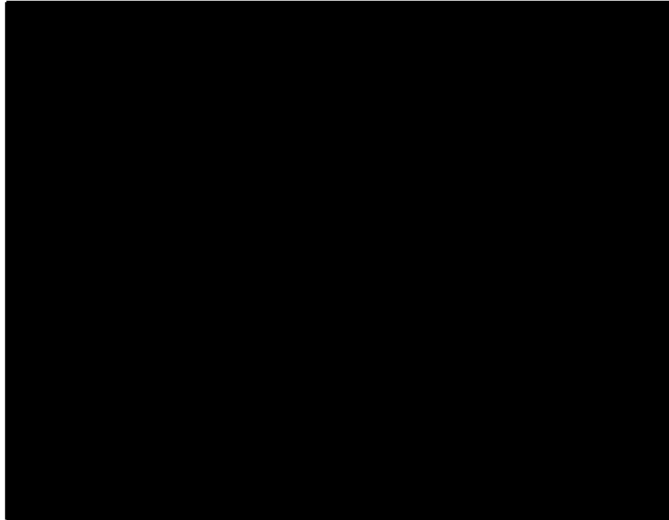
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Purpose:

The Scout Group is constituted in terms of the Rules of the Scout Association, which is a charitable body incorporated by Royal Charter.

The 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 guided by adult leadership.

Trustees:



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

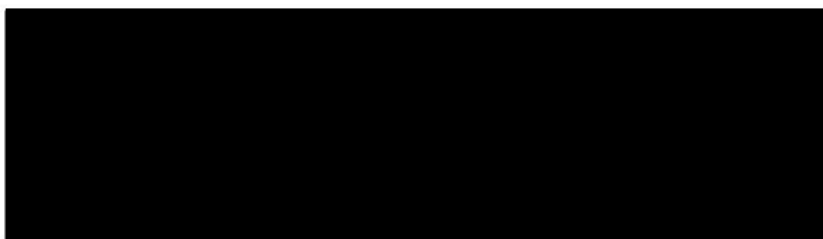
Reserves Policy:

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

Activities & Achievements:

During the year the group has continued to deliver the Scout Programme for the benefit of young people in Inverness. The Group has retained healthy numbers in each of the sections – Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

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



Group Chairman

