



21st Aberdeen (Cults) Scout Group

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 March 2025

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For the year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name 21st Aberdeen (Cults) Scout Group

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number SC018385

Charity's principal address Scout Centre, South Avenue,
Cults
ABERDEEN

Postcode AB15 9LP

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Team Member Group Leadership Team		
2	Chair		
3	Group Lead Volunteer		
4	Treasurer		
5		From 1 September 2025	
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
	Resigned March 2025
	Resigned September 2025
	Resigned 8 October 2025

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document Constitution. Unincorporated association.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

As set out in the Constitution.
Trustees must satisfactorily complete The Scout Association's Disclosure Scotland check for membership of the PVG scheme; be eligible for Charity Trustee status; and complete, The Scout Association's on-line training modules :

- (1) Safety and Safeguarding (within one month of appointment)
- (2) Being a Trustee in Scouts
- (3) Create Inclusion
- (4) Data Protection and
- (5) Who We Are and What We Do (within 6 months of appointment)

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

To actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. Young people work in partnership with adults; work together based on the values of Scouting (Integrity; Respect; Care; Belief; and Cooperation); enjoy what they are doing and have fun; participate in indoor and outdoor activities; learn by doing; share in spiritual reflection; take responsibility and make choices; undertake new and challenging activities; and make and live by their promise.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The main activities of the Scout Group were providing fun, challenge and adventure to young people through a balanced program of activities, events and experiences based around subject areas we call Program Zones, starting in the Squirrels (age 4-6 years) and continuing through Beavers (6-8 years), Cubs (8-10 1/2 years) and then to Scouts (10 1/2 -14 years) by way of indoor and outdoor activities, weekly meetings and adventurous activities including camps in Scotland and abroad, allowing young people to progress through the Program Zones and record their achievements.

Scouts and Explorer Scout Young Leaders also enrolled in the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award Scheme. Young Leaders volunteering in the Scout Group qualified for the Scottish Government's Saltire Awards.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

During the year a surplus has been recorded of £14,121 reflecting the continued high levels of membership across all the Sections during this year. The Charity has also benefited in the year from generous Donations, the return of fund-raising events and the Gift-Aid claims for prior years having been received.

The successful recommencement of fund-raising events at the Scout Centre in November 2024 was well attended by members and families but also members from the local community.

Continued improvement program for the upgrade of the Scout Centre has commenced, with focus on immediate repairs and assessment of the electrical circuits and heating systems. The essential maintenance and refurbishment of Scout Centre is paramount to the activities of the Charity.

A Safe Scouting Premises Audit and Risk Management Register was set up following the guidelines issued by The Scout Association.

Young people gaining Chief Scout's Awards and Duke of Edinburgh Awards. All sections of the Charity returned to a full schedule of events during 2025 with all attending outdoor camps.

The number of young people attending all sections has increased during this year with a waiting list in place for all sections. The Committee and Sections continue to look for new volunteers to continue the success of the Charity.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The funds represent income earned but not yet utilised in supporting charitable activities. At 31 March 2025, the charity held £68,581 at the bank including £2,611 held by the Beaver Sections; £5,846 held by the Cub Sections; and £7,559 held by the Scout Section. Gift Aid of £4,000 is due to be claimed from HMRC for the financial year.

Ongoing development, maintenance and repairs of the Scout Centre can be significant, and the Trustees have decided to hold a Reserve Fund of £25,000, now classified as a Restricted Fund, on a 95 day notice with the bank. The Trustees will review the amount held annually but consider this to be appropriate to meet significant financial repairs to the property such as:

(a) maintenance and repair of part of the roof of the building which is flat;
b) Electrical Installation and Condition Report (EICR) mandatory testing and inspection of circuit boards, wiring and electrical accessories, works have commenced but will continue through 2025.

The reserves policy maintained is compliant with the guidelines provided in the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses from the Charity during the year and are not paid any expenses for attendance at meetings.

The reimbursement of expenses is restricted to receipted expenditure incurred on behalf of the Charity.

Details of any deficit

Not applicable

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

Other optional information

The Scout Group, established in 1909 and part of Scouts Scotland, is a voluntary uniformed youth organisation. The Group has been twinned with a Norwegian Sea Scout Group, near Stavanger since 1977 and since 2015 has partnership agreements with 3 schools in Gomel, Belarus. Stavanger and Gomel are 2 of Aberdeen's twinned cities.

As at 31 January 2026, the membership of the Group was 207 youth members and 49 adult volunteers, in 2 Beaver Scout Colonies; 3 Cub Scout Packs; and 1 Scout Troop. A waiting list exists for those of age to join the appropriate sections, this currently sits at 19 for Squirrels, 36 for Beavers, 16 waiting to join Cubs and no currently waiting to join Scouts. The Trustees have reviewed and are supportive of extending the Charity activities to include the commencement of a Squirrel Colony in 2026.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (Treasurer) Chairperson

Treasurer

Date 11 February 2026

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21st Aberdeen (Cults) Scout Group
Consolidated Receipts and Payments Statement
For the year to 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Receipts		
Membership subscriptions	23,571	21,718
Activities	5,160	4,422
Camp advance receipts (Norway/Templars/Lochgailhead)	11,086	16,258
Group Donation	1,032	1,046
Fund raising events	1,453	-
Miscellaneous income	136	172
Gift Aid claim	11,502	-
Bank interest	62	-
Property rental income	1,142	2,020
Total Receipts	55,144	45,636
Payments		
Activities (biking, climbing, canoeing, etc)	5,672	4,856
21 st Group membership fees	11,515	8,976
Badges and uniform costs	1,600	2,690
Heat & Light	2,726	4,303
Confectionary and food	-	549
Handcrafts and art supplies	2,813	691
Games equipment	1,215	451
Building maintenance, fire and safety	894	2,643
Cleaning	1,044	1,001
IT & Stationery	217	312
Administration and training	189	228
Miscellaneous	897	678
Camps/Templars/District events	10,469	15,725
Bank charges	193	187
Insurance	1,579	-
Total Payments	41,023	43,290
Surplus for the year	14,121	2,346

Statement of Cash Balances as at 31 March

	2025	2024
	£	£
Opening balance at 1 April	54,460	52,114
Surplus for the year to 31 March	14,121	2,346
Closing balance at 31 March	68,581	54,460

Represented by Bank Balances

	£	£
Group bank accounts	52,564	39,867
Scout bank accounts	7,560	5,613
Cubs bank accounts	5,846	5,182
Beavers bank account	2,611	3,798
Total bank balances at 31 March	68,581	54,460

A Restricted fund of £25,000 has been retained by the Trustees to ensure the adequate upgrade of the Scout Hall for necessary repairs and maintenance. This includes electrical upgrades and other improvements to heating and roofing that are required.

All funds were Unrestricted at 31 March 2024.

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees of 21st Aberdeen (Cults) Scouts

Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 21st Aberdeen (Cults) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages xx to xx.

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 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 2006 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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
 - 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.

Name:

Relevant Professional qualification/professional body:

ACCA

Address:

Date: 11/02/2026