

9th Aberdeen Scout Group

Scotland · Charity number SC026057

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Registered	1997-03-19
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address 9 Braeside Terrace
Aberdeen
AB15 7TS

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: Provide Scouting to boys and girls for all sections of Beaver Scouts (6-8 years), Cub Scouts (8-10.5 years) and Scouts (10.5 - 14.5). Our group is part of the global Scouts movement helping young people to develop skills for life, such as teamwork, leadership, and resilience. Through outdoor adventures like camping, hiking, and canoeing, scouts engage in activities that foster community service and personal development

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:** Aberdeen
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£95,462	£64,859	-	0
2024-07-31	£59,885	£133,061	-	0
2023-07-31	£86,384	£89,071	-	0
2022-07-31	£65,569	£44,887	-	0
2021-07-31	£36,935	£27,737	-	0

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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1	8	2024	To	31	7	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name 9th Aberdeen Scout Group

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number SC 026057

Charity's principal address Group Headquarters

Granville Lane

Aberdeen

Postcode AB10 6NZ

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	Scott Hutcheon	Chair, Group Trustee Board		Group Trustee Board
2	Shaun Sambrook	Group Treasurer		Group Trustee Board
3	Nyallia Leonard	Group Secretary		The Group Council
4	Elaine Page	Board Member		The Group Council
5	Christopher Durling	Board Member		The Group Council
7	Lynsey McKay	Board Member		The Group Council
8	Neil Lawrie	Group Lead Volunteer		Ex Officio Appointed By Scout District Commissioner

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
None.	

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The Policy Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association, available on line at <http://www.scouts.org.uk/por>

Trustee recruitment and appointment

As defined by Policy Organisation and rules, as above. Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Group Council of the 9th Aberdeen Scout Group. The Group Lead Volunteer is an ex officio trustee.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

As defined in Chapter 1 of Policy organisation and rules, as above.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

As above and as reported in Appendix 1

Achievements and performance

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

This is our second full year without Covid Pandemic restrictions. The Group and its activities are continuing at our normal high standard. As reported last year, there continue to be long term effects, occasioned by changes in attitudes to social activities, particularly in the field of parental volunteering. Our fundraising has had to be altered accordingly. A continued programme of Scouting activities has been provided for all our Scouts, with the Group at full strength and potential demand still exceeding our capacity. We are one of the larger and more successful Scout Groups in our District. Each Section meets and exceeds the minimum standards defined by The Scout Association and the Group is still very healthy.

We continue to provide Scouting of a high standard in all Sections for Beaver Scouts (6-8 years) Cub Scouts (8-10.5 years) and Scouts (10.5-14.5 years). The Mannofield Explorers (14.5-18 years), whilst not formally part of the Group, meet in our hall and continue the provision of Scouting, whilst maintaining links and mutual support.

Our Headquarters building continues to benefit from the replacement of the original cladding as reported complete last year. £110,000 pounds well spent to insulate and future proof our HQ. Further improvements are planned.

UK Scoutings "transformation" programme saw the Group Executive Committee renamed The Trustee Board and an almost complete change of membership as reflected above. It is elected / confirmed annually by the Group Council at the AGM. It takes responsibility for all things in support of the uniformed organisation. It manages our finances, building and resources which are currently healthy.

We are well resourced with our own refurbished freehold premises, Our generous levels of equipment are maintained and replaced regularly. We continue to operate two minibuses. Their standing costs do not equal hire costs we would incur to meet our transport commitments, This continues to be under review and one bus will be replaced imminently. A per capita system of payment continues, to help with maintenance costs and is also under review.

Contact with ex-members is good via an annual dinner and use of social media.

Continued leader recruitment and succession planning continue to be a challenge, but the Group is still adequately served in those areas.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As defined by the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association, as above.

Details of any deficit

An annual deficit was identified, but met by fundraising and cash reserves. This is constantly monitored.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

All the Services of Adults in the Group.

None of the Leaders, Members or Supporters of The Group receive any payment for their many hours of service.

Other optional information

Whilst the above report was written in the context of the defined period, It was written in early January 2026

Discussions are STILL (as reported last year) ongoing to amend our financial year end reporting in order that this, and other, reports are made nearer to the period to which they relate, both for this agency and other things like AGMs etc.

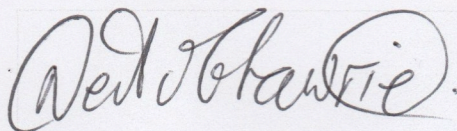
The UK Scout Association process of "Transformation", which imposed change on our infrastructure to better accommodate Charitable compliance, is now completely implemented. For a Group which has "done it this way" since 1908 (one of the oldest in the world !!) That has caused many challenges, which have been met, although some still remain.

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)

Neil John George Lawrie

Position (e.g. Chair)

Group Lead Volunteer

Date

6th April 2026

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2	Group Executive Committee Treasurer		The Group Council
3	Group Executive Committee Member		The Group Council
4	Group Executive Committee Member		The Group Council
5	Group Executive Committee Member		The Group Council
6	Cub Scout Leader		The Group Council
7	Scout Leader		The Group Council
8	Group Scout Leader		Aberdeen Scout District, District Commissioner

Reference and administration details

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None.	

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document The Policy Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association, available on line at <http://www.scouts.org.uk/por>

Trustee recruitment and appointment As defined by Chapter 3 Rule 3.22 - 3.26, Policy Organisation and rules, as above. Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Group Council of the 9th Aberdeen Scout Group. Two uniformed section leaders elected to serve as trustees. The Group Scout Leader is an ex officio trustee.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes As defined in Chapter 1 of Policy organisation and rules, as above.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects As above and as reported in Appendix 1

Achievements and performance

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

This is our first full year clear of Covid Pandemic restrictions. The Group and its activities are effectively back to normal, although there are, and will continue to be, lasting and long term effects, occasioned by changes in attitudes to social activities. The principle impacts of these changes are challenges in parental involvement and in the field of finance and fundraising. A continued programme of Scouting activities has been provided for all our Scouts. We suffered some loss of membership during pandemic restrictions, but are now back at full strength with potential demand outnumbering our capacity. We are one of the larger and more successful Scout Groups in our District. Each Section meets and exceeds the minimum standards defined by The Scout Association and the Group is still very healthy.

We continue to provide Scouting of a high standard in all Sections for Beaver Scouts (6-8 years) Cub Scouts (8-10.5 years) and Scouts (10.5-14.5 years). The Mannofield Explorers (14.5-18 years), whilst not formally part of the Group, meet in our hall and continue the provision of Scouting, whilst maintaining links and mutual support. The Judo Club which was a tenant moved to other premises leaving HSS, a faith based meeting group to use our facilities, at highly competitive rental rates. In keeping with previous reports, "Our continued operation in extremely difficult circumstances has been very much appreciated by Scouts and their parents, as a substantial contribution to their physical and mental wellbeing"

There is a fully operational Group Executive Committee, as required by The Scout Association, and elected annually by the Group Council at the AGM. It takes responsibility for all things in support of the uniformed organisation. It manages our finances, building and resources which are currently healthy. A vacancy still exists for A Group Secretary, whose duties are being performed by The Group Chair.

We are well resourced with our own freehold premises, although at over 80 years old it needs constant maintenance. The replacement of the roof and wall cladding is complete, with tangible benefits to the comfort of building users and yet to be fully assessed, heating costs. Our generous levels of equipment are maintained and replaced regularly. We continue to operate two minibuses. Their standing costs do not equal hire costs we would incur to meet our transport commitments, but this is under review as replacement costs are considerable and becoming imminent. A per capita system of payment continues, to help with maintenance costs.

Contact with ex-members is good. The tradition of our annual Dinner, has returned after necessary postponement. There is a Facebook Alumni Page.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As defined by the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association, as above.

Details of any deficit

Following the loss of income from a renter, a small annual deficit is expected this year but can be accommodated by current assets.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

All the Services of Adults in the Group.

None of the Leaders, Members or Supporters of The Group receive any payment for their many hours of service.

Other optional information

Whilst the above report was written in the context of the defined period, it was written in April 2025.

Discussions are still ongoing to amend our financial year end reporting in order that this, and other, reports are made nearer to the period to which they relate, both for this agency and other things like AGMs etc.

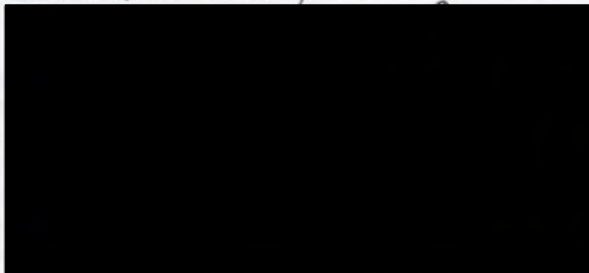
The UK Scout Association has undergone a process of "Transformation" which imposes change on our procedures and role titles. These will be reflected in the next annual return as we did not implement them in this period but have since.

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 (e.g. Chair) Group Scout Leader

Date 29th March 2025

9th Aberdeen Scout Group
Consolidated Accounts
Year ending 31st July 2024

	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24		2023/2024	2022/2023	
	Group	Scouts	Cubs	Beavers		Total	Total	Notes
INCOME								
Rent & Electricity	3,500					3,500	3,895	✓
Minibus hire	1,146					1,146	905	✓
From section accounts (including explorers)	9,746					9,746	5,132	✓
Gift Aid						0	1,097	✓
Parents payments for subscriptions and camps		30,863	11,101	1,450		43,414	43,882	✓
Donations + Sponsorship	522	370		60		952	1,473	✓
Fundraising/donations for Roof repairs project						0	30,000	✓
Proceeds from sale of minibus						0		
Spain income		7,050				7,050		✓
Grants						0		
	14,913	38,283	11,101	1,510		65,807	86,384	
Less amounts transferred from Section accounts to Group Accounts	-5,922					-5,922	-3,007	
Total Income	8,991	38,283	11,101	1,510		59,885	83,377	
EXPENDITURE								
Hut cleaning	0					0	-1,559	✓
Hut maintenance/repairs and replacement	-895					-895	0	✓
Hut roof project	-66,000					-66,000	-36,300	✓
Hut insurance	-1,594					-1,594	-1,465	✓
Wheelie bin uplift	-339					-339	-316	✓
Utilities	-2,485					-2,485	-2,578	✓
Group subscriptions to Scout Association	-4,368					-4,368	-5,190	✓
Camping equipment	-1,294	-821				-2,115	-913	✓
Minibus insurance	-1,670					-1,670	-1,372	✓
Minibus MOT repairs and fuel	-2,838					-2,838	-1,226	✓
Minibus road tax	-165					-165	-165	✓
Gifts and donations				-60		-60	0	✓
AGM	-76					-76	0	✓
To Group account		-3,354	-4,424	-1,008		-8,786	-4,357	✓
Meeting costs and programme activities	-559	-3,757	-311	-434		-5,061	-3,655	✓
Books and mufflers/ badges		-377	-713	-97		-1,187	-879	✓
Minibus hire						0	-244	✓
Camp costs		-23,488	-7,183			-30,671	-28,853	✓
		-10,673				-10,673	0	✓
	-82,283	-42,470	-12,631	-1,599		-138,983	-89,071	✓
Less amounts transferred from Section accounts to Group Accounts		2,064	3,090	768		5,922	3,007	✓
Total Expenditure	-82,283	-40,406	-9,541	-831		-133,061	-86,064	
INCOME MINUS EXPENDITURE	-73,292	-2,123	1,560	679		-73,176	-2,687	
Bank balance opening	77,280	14,483	2,155	279		94,197	96,885	
Bank balance closing	9,910	10,296	625	190		21,021	94,198	
Movement	-67,370	-4,187	-1,530	-89		-73,176	-2,687	

14% decrease in the total / beavers

for Cubs double payment

First camp abroad since Covid - Prior year receipts



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 9th Aberdeen Scout Group Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2024 which are set out on page 1.

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.

