



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	20225

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

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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.

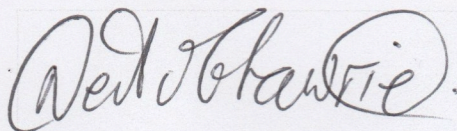
The UK Scout Association process of "Transformation", which imposed change on our infrastructure to better accommodate Charitable compliance, is now completely implemented. For a Group which has "done it this way" since 1908 (one of the oldest in the world !!) That has caused many challenges, which have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