87th Craigalmond (Granton Seaway) Edinburgh Scout Group



Annual Report & Financial Statements

For the

Year ended 31st March 2026

Scottish Charity No SC030643

The Group Trustee Board has pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Table of contents

Section 1 - Trustees Annual Report **1**
Section 2 - Reports from sections and office-bearers **3**
Section 3 - Independent Examiner Report **6**
Section 4 - Financial Report **8**
Statement of Receipts and Payments 8
Notes to the Accounts 9
Assets and Liabilities 11
Section 5 - Approval **11**

Section 1 - Trustees Annual Report

Name & Address

The Group Name is the 87th Craigalmond (Granton Seaway) Edinburgh Scout Group and it may be contacted at 81 Boswall Parkway, Edinburgh EH5 2PW or email info@grantonscouts.org.uk

Constitution

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association, with Scottish variations.

The Scout Group is recognised as a charity by The Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) which gave the Association's Scottish Charity Number as SCO30643.

Structure, governance and management

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association, with Scottish variations.

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) as appropriate.

All Group Trustee Board members are Trustees of the Group. Additionally, a number of leaders opt to serve on the Group Trustee Board as Trustees. All Trustees undergo mandatory training relevant to the role.

The day-to-day management is delegated by the Board to the Group Lead Volunteer, the Group Chair and the Group Leadership Team.

Objectives and organisational structure

The objective of The Scout Association is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Scouting in the United Kingdom is organised in Scout Groups, Scout Districts, Scout Regions (Scout Counties in England and Wales) and Country Headquarters. These 'units' of Scouting provide, support; channels for communication; opportunities for youth Members and adults to make decisions and take responsibility and functional units through which the design and delivery of the youth programme can be best achieved.

A Scout Group comprises one or more of any or all of the following: a Squirrel Drey (ages 4-5), Beaver Scout Colony (ages 6-7; a Cub Scout Pack (ages 8-10.5) or a Scout Troop (ages 10.5-14). Additionally, a Group may also include one or more Group Scout Active Support Units. An Explorer Scout Unit may also be attached to a Scout Group.

The 87th Craigalmond Group comprises these core sections: Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, with an Explorer Scout Section attached - the relationship between the Scout Group and the Explorer Unit is set out in a Partnership Agreement (currently awaiting approval by Craigalmond District. The Unit is managed by, and responsible to the Craigalmond District Trustee Board..

Trustees 2025/2026	Position
Andrew Dean	Chairman
Alan Williamson	Treasurer
Charles Macintosh	Group Lead Volunteer
Emma Raasch	Parent/Explorer Leader
Kirsty Lamb	Explorer Leader
Anne Macintosh	Beaver Leader
Scott Macintosh	Quartermaster and Assistant Beaver Leader
Andrew Welsh	Cub Leader
David Robertson	Scout Team member

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

Activities & Achievements

During the year the Group has continued to deliver a Scout Program for the benefit of the young people.

Section 2 - Reports from sections and office-bearers

(presented to AGM on 1st June 2026)

Group Chairman - Andrew Dean

Once again it's AGM time and an opportunity for me on your behalf to give a Big Thank You to all our unpaid volunteers who freely give up there own time to be a uniformed leader in our sections or as a trustee .

We now have a new hot air heating system with the assistance of an Edinburgh Community Grant Fund and a The Leslie Sell Charitable Trust , with the balance coming from our own funds.

A Thank You also to our hall rentals Sit Happens , Taekwondo and Sportif Lifestyle , which assists in maintaining our income to support our ongoing expenditure for gas , electricity, insurance etc.

Finally we are always looking for help so please volunteer in any way you can to keep our Scout Group and local community strong .

Andrew
Group Chair

Group Scout Leader – Chas Macintosh

Busy Programme
I'm sure that you'll agree when you read the Section reports that every section has had an adventurous, varied and fun programme over the year.

On behalf of all the leaders we'd like to express our grateful thanks to all the adult team 'behind the scenes' – Andy the Group Chairman, Alan the Treasurer who also looks after hall bookings, and Kirsty & Emma who served over the year as Trustees.

With a volunteer team of around 15 and around 65 young people in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, Granton Scouts is the biggest volunteer-led organisation in the area!

We are delighted to say that all sections, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, have continued to be fully subscribed over the past year. Every week we help over 60 young people aged 6-18 develop skills for life.

Are you ready to join the adventure?
Running a group like this, with our own hall, equipment and boats, is a massive job, so we'll not beat about the bush – we are looking for your help.

- Whether you have loads of free time or can only spare an hour a month – there's something that you can do to help.
- Whether you can come to the Scout Hut or are stuck at home – there's something you can do to help
- Whether you would like to work with young people, with "stuff", or with admin – there's something you can do to help.

Please don't wait to be asked personally – just drop me an email chas@grantonscouts.org.uk and we can arrange a chat – or speak to any of the leaders on at the Scout Hut – no strings attached (really – if you end up not volunteering that's fine – it will be good to chat anyway).

We also invite parents and other supporters to simply join a **Whatsapp Group** where the leaders occasionally post requests for help onto. This might be for one-off jobs around the hut, help at section meetings or lending a hand preparing for camp. This is a great way to give practical support to Scouts in a light-touch way, without too much commitment. Please consider signing up to this – drop an email to chas@grantonscouts.org.uk and I'll send a join link.

New PVG rules (Protection of Vulnerable Groups)
New regulations came into force on 1st April this year, meaning that anyone engaged in a 'regulated role' needs to by PVGd – so that means that we can' just call on help when we need it from anyone, we need to be proactive and get a PVG for anyone that MIGHT help out with any of the sections. So if you think that you might like to help out – even once – please speak to me and we can kick off the process- chas@grantonscouts.org.uk

The Team
This past year saw a few leadership changes within the group. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Aoife**, who is returning to Ireland to seek employment as a teacher after completing her training in Edinburgh. We are indebted to her for her work in re-starting the Explorer section last year. She leaves the Unit in the very capable hands of Emma and Kirsty.

Congratulations to Carrie on the birth of Cillian. Carrie is taking some time off Scouts, but plans to return when Cillian lets her!!

We have a capable and flexible leader team who provide great opportunities for our young people to enjoy new adventures; to experience the outdoors; interact with others, gain confidence and have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Beavers – the Beaver Colony is still being run by Anne and Scott (they've been running the Colony for over 37 years!!). Other leaders – Jen, Rebecca and Katie help out when they can. Our Young Leader team of Abbie, Hanna, Iga and Ada are all learning the ropes of how to be a leader! The other Young Leader James has recently transferred to the Cub section to help out there.

Cubs – the Cub Pack continues to be run by Andy Welsh, ably assisted by Kyle and Young Leaders Andrew and James.

Scouts – the team leadership model in Scouts is slightly different to Beavers and Cubs, with no overall leader in charge – and it works really well. The team consists of core Carrie, Katy and Derek, with Paul, David, Dylan and other leaders from the Group helping out where needed.

Explorers – heading into their 2nd year, Emma and Kirsty continue to run Explorers with Aoife heading back to Ireland later this month.
Finally, I'd like to mention a bit of admin that would make the leaders' lives a bit easier, and also make our Scouting safer…….

Contact and personal details – it's really important that parents make sure contact and personal details – such as allergies and medical information – are complete and up-to-date. **This means that at a minimum we need to hold details of 2 adults that can be contacted in case of emergencies, and that we are able to pass relevant details onto emergency services if needed**. Every parent should have been given login details for Online Scout Manager – if in doubt just ask.

Group Treasurer – Alan Williamson

Another good year for the group with figures for hire of the hall maintaining at a decent level but there is room for more usage.

The heating was replaced in the hall in October at a cost circa £8k for which we received a Grants of £4k (thanks again to Andrew Dean).

BEAVERS – Anne Macintosh

We have 17 Beaver Scouts at the moment. Several members have transferred to Cubs over the last 12 months and we have welcomed several new members from our waiting list.

Our regular volunteer leadership team consists of Anne, Scott, Kyle and Iga. Our other leaders – Jen, Rebecca and Katie either work shifts or are taking time off for their university studies so cannot always commit to Beaver Scout meetings. It is also exam and study time for three of our Young Leaders (YL) – Abbie, Hanna and Ada. James our other YL has recently transferred to the Cub section to help out there.

Also, a big thank you to parents for their continued support and encouragement.

At the start of each term Beaver Scouts have a say in choosing the programme topics. For the Autumn term of 2025, our themes covered **Musical instruments, Weather, Road Safety and Circus Skills**, looking at **Flags** and **Pets.** We had a series of 4 weeks looking at various inventors – the highlight of which was an imaginary aeroplane flight when we learned about **The Wright Brothers** complete with sound effects, safety demonstration and refreshment trolley.

We also had an **Activities Afternoon** on a Saturday afternoon (3.00 – 6.00pm) in September which included pitching a bell rent, making a giant catapult, using a Kelly kettle to make hot chocolate, planting bulbs and making our own pizza for tea plus loads more.

We also participated in the **Community Act of Remembrance** at the local church with a family breakfast beforehand in November and a **Magic Night** with other Beavers Scouts in the district.

Since January we have participated in a variety of different themes including, **Fish, Horses** making **Pancakes,** making **Ice cream** and doing some **Science** experiments. We had a brilliant evening where some parents and leaders from the other sections came to lead the programme for **DIY skills. The Beaver Scouts did 10 skills in an hour including – wallpapering, sawing, tiling, using a screwdriver and hammer.** We performed a play **"The Emperor's New Clothes"** complete with costumes and ad-libbing. We have had another outside event doing a **Wellie Walk** to Cramond Island and making S'Mores on the beach.

Yet to come before the end of term is a programme about **The World Cup** and our end-of-term **Sports Night.** We also have a **Picnic to North Berwick** where we will travel by train, play in the playpark and then go to the beach. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us for the outdoor events.

We have had two planned fire drills this session – November and May, Beavers all evacuated calmly and assembled at our new evacuation notice in the corner of the grounds.

All the Beavers and the volunteer leaders have either made or renewed their Beaver Promise. We all now know that once you promise to do something, you have to make sure you keep it.

I promise to do my best, to be kind and helpful and love the world.

Please have a look at our slideshow at the AGM and feel free to ask the volunteers any questions.

We regularly post photos of our weekly meetings on our Scout Group closed Facebook page. Follow the link on our Scout Website to request to join.

87th Beaver Volunteer Team.
Jen, Katie, Rebecca, Kyle, Iga, Ada, Abbie, Hanna, James, Anne and Scott

CUBS – Andy Welsh

We have had productive and enjoyable year in the Cub pack. Our numbers have increased to 18 despite some of our older Cubs moving on to the Scout Troop .

We have completed a lot of activities and worked hard on the Home Safety Badge Working towards elements of the Digital citizen badge some of the pack have also completed badges in their own time around their

interests like Space and Air Activities. We are also continuing to work towards our local knowledge badge and the thistle award .

Throughout the term we are building up the cubs skills in scout activities as well as teamwork, friendship and upholding the cub scout law. As a pack we invited in Parents and took part in an investiture ceremony with the Group Scout :Leader. Here we recited our Promise and new members got their Membership award badge.

In terms of programming The pack has enjoyed firelighting where they made very successful smores and some less successful 'bananas n chocolate!! Keeping on the cooking theme they have made chocolate crispies and gluten free shortbread .

They designed built and flew their own stomp rockets, took part in games nights and excelled in Parachute games.

As part of our Thistle award we did a Halloween themed night where the pack learnt about some of the Samhain /All Hallows eve traditions such as why we go 'guisin and made masks to disguise ourselves. We also took part in the now Annual joint Burns night celebration with the Scouts and are still by far the best singers!

Some staff from the Lighthouse board visited one night and we asked a lot of questions and found out a lot about this vital service.

It has been avery quick year and we are finishing up the term with a Sparkie session and Inverleth park visit

Our Young leaders had moved on so we have been joined through the year by Andrew and James who have been excellent additions to the team.

The Cub leader team are going to tie in some of the activities of this year into some of the staged Badges on offer next term. If your cub is interested in badges please let us know.

The Cub Team

SCOUTS – Katy Macintosh

Over the past year, our Scout troop, consisting of 14 Sscouts supported by a team of 7 leaders—has enjoyed a vibrant and action-packed programme. The leader team have tried to balance traditional Scouting skills with modern, engaging challenges to keep the Troop's energy high and foster strong teamwork.

Our weekly sessions and special events have offered a diverse mix of activities. Scouts channeled their creativity and problem-solving skills with highly competitive Taskmaster nights and bonded over classic games nights. Outdoors they mastered the essentials of firelighting – with added smores of course! A new addition to the programme this year was an immersive mystery guide Sscavenger Hunt around Edinburgh City centre, which tested their navigation and teamwork in a real-world setting. The Troop also celebrated the festive season together with a fantastic Christmas meal at Cosmo.

Everything over the past twelve months has been building towards our major milestone: the upcoming summer camp this July. We are looking forward to a safe, adventurous, and unforgettable summer experience in our own little island paradise. The excitement is already building for those who have been to the island before and know how special it is, and for those who will be experiencing it for the first time.

Finally, it would be amiss not to mention the newest member of the 87th family – Cillian David Bush. Congratulations to Carrie who is currently enjoying some well earned time off for maternity leave!

EXPLORER SCOUTS

We're delighted to report we have had a very successful first year with the new Explorer unit in Granton.

Our team of three leaders Aoife, Emma and Kirsty have worked hard this year to have exciting activities for each fortnightly meeting.

This year we have spent many of our meetings out of the scout hut going to the Granton Pitt, games nights in ancient robot games and many more.

We have more exciting plans for next year and look forward to seeing the section grow over time.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

Communication with parents is mainly by way of digital channels, including a private Facebook group for parents, Group website at www.grantonscouts.org.uk and via our online membership management system **Online Scout Manager.** The Cub and Scout sections also have a private Whatsapp Group for parents.

We also ask parents to let us know when any contact or personal information changes. This can be done by a note to Beaver and Cub Leaders, or online at the Online Scout Manager Parents Portal.

Section 3 - Independent Examiner Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 87th Craigalmond (Edinburgh) Scout Group

I report on the financial statements of the 87th Craigalmond (Edinburgh) Scout Group ("The Group") for the year ended 31st March 2026 which are set out on pages 9 - 11.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The Group's Trustee Board is responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:-

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirement
   (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with the section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
   (b) to prepare accounts which agree 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.

Michael G Cockburn FCBI
Fellow of the Chartered Banker Institute
8/9 Powderhall Rigg Edinburgh EH7 4GG

Name MICHAEL G COCKBURN FCBI

Signature FCBI

Date 8TH OCTOBER 2026

Section 4 - Financial Report

Summary of Receipts and Payments 2025-2026

RECEIPTS	2025-2026	2024-2025
Donations	£ -	£ 255.00
Hire of Scout Hall - note 1	£ 7,585.00	£ 8,026.25
Subscriptions - received - note 2	£ 3,011.90	£ 3,347.00
Miscellaneous income - note 3	£ 5,000.00	£ -
Other Group income	£ -	£ -
Camp Income - note 4	£ -	£ 90.50
Grand Total	**£ 15,596.90**	**£11,718.75**

PAYMENTS	2025-2026	2024-2025
Equipment purchase & Maint	-£ 1,439.78	-£524.22
Insurance	-£ 2,161.07	-£2,002.05
Misc expenses	£ -	£0.00
Scout Hall costs - note 5	-£ 12,478.26	-£4,068.40
Section outgoings	-£ 187.82	-£699.54
Subscriptions - out	-£ 2,679.00	-£3,441.00
Training - note 6	£ -	£ -
Grand Total	**-£ 18,945.93**	**-£10,735.21**

Cash and Bank Balances (Unrestricted)	2025-2026	2024-2025
Income for year	£15,596.90	£11,718.75
Expenditure for year	-£18,945.93	-£10,735.21
Surplus deficit for year	-£3,349.03	£983.54

Statement of Balances	2025-2026	2024-2025
Opening cash at bank and in hand	£11,637.95	£10,654.41
(surplus)/deficit for year	-£3,349.03	£983.54
closing cash at bank and in hand	**£8,288.92**	**£11,637.95**

Notes to the Accounts

Note 1 - Details of hall let income

HIRE OF SCOUT HALL	Sum of Total
Hire of Scout Hall	£ 7,585.00
Christian Life Fellowship	£ 585.00
M Abbassi (Flash Taekwondo)	£ 3,415.00
Sportif Lifestyle	£ 2,490.00
Homegrown Boxing	£ 915.00
Ad hoc hall hire	£ 100.00
Sit Happens (Lorna Kennedy)	£ 80.00
Grand Total	£ 7,585.00

Note that we are pursuing an outstanding amount of £1,200 from Home Grown Boxing

Note 2 – Membership Subscriptions
Membership subscriptions of £18 per term are collected by sections and transferred at the end of each term to the Group account.

NOTE 3 - Detail of grants received

GRANTS	Sum of Total
Miscellaneous income	£ 5,000.00
CEC Grant	£ 4,000.00
Leslie Sell	£ 1,000.00
Grand Total	£ 5,000.00

Note 3 – Membership Subscriptions
Membership subscriptions of £18 per term are collected by sections and transferred at the end of each term to the Group account.

Note 4 - Camp Income
Camp accounts are run on a separate operating account managed by the section leaders.

Note 5 - Scout Hall Costs
Running costs for the Scout Hut this year included £8,000 for a new heating system, £5,000 of which was covered by grants received.

Note 6 - Training
No direct costs were incurred this year for training as these costs are covered centrally via the individual membership fees. MOst training is done online, with some, including First Aid, done face-to-face,

Section Accounts
The Group maintains a single undesignated fund for all its financial transactions. The individual sections are asked to transfer any separate funds accumulated throughout the year before the year end. Drawings can then be made against these funds by the relevant section without prior authorisation from the Group Trustee Board.

Trustees Remuneration and Expenses
The Trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year (2025-2026)

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

Assets and Liabilities

Assets

The Group owns the Scout Hall at 81 Boswall Parkway, Edinburgh EH5 2PW. The title is held in the names of the South East Scotland Regional Scout Council office bearers, on behalf of the group. The title deeds are held in safe keeping at Scott Rae, Regional legal adviser, of Morton Fraser.

The land on which the Scout Hall is situated is leased from "The City of Edinburgh Council" under a 25 year lease commencing April 1993. The current Ground Rent is £250 per annum.

The Group owns a Zodiac Rib and 25Hp outboard, this was purchased in 2004 by means of a grant of £4,850 from the National Lottery. The outboard engine was replaced in 2018 at a cost of £3,575, partly funded by a £2000 grant from The Scout Association.

The Group owns 3 sailing Toppers, which were purchased second hand in 1994.

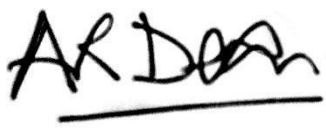
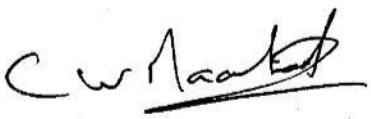
The Group owns a quantity of camping, boating and other sports equipment, which has been acquired over a number of years.

Liabilities

The Group has no other material liabilities or obligations.

Section 5 - Approval

Approved by the Group Executive Committee on 07 September 2022 and signed on behalf of all trustees by:

		
Andrew Dean Chair	Alan Williamson Treasurer	Charles Macintosh Group Lead Volunteer

END