

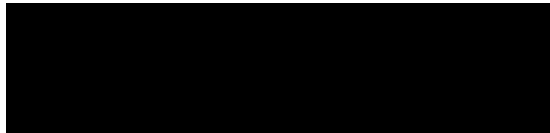
4th/85th Dunblane Scout Group

Annual Report & Financial Statements

for the

Year ended 31 March 2025

Approved by the Group Executive Committee on **6th October** 2025 and signed on its behalf by:-



Charity No SC031040



4th/85th Dunblane Scout Group

Trustees Annual Report

The Executive Committee have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Name & Address

Constitution & Purpose

The Scout Group is constituted in terms of the Rules of The Scout Association, which is a charitable body incorporated by 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 and guided by adult leadership.

People Changes & Volunteers

We were joined by [REDACTED] our Membership and Maintenance co-ordinators and [REDACTED] in the trustee group, however still have vacancies in the Exec group. The position of Chairperson remains vacant. We successfully recruited some adult volunteers to the group to support the sections. Trustees are recruited and appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules ("POR") of the Scout Association.

As always, throughout the year, we have been gratefully supported by parent volunteers at section meetings and fund raising events.

Activities & Achievements

During the year the Group has continued to deliver the Scout Programme for the benefit of the young people from the communities of Dunblane, Kinbuck, Ashfield, Greenloaning and Braco and the number of children involved totals over 160 young people from the FK postal code area.

We saw continuation of the community Santa Sleigh event, Scout Post and other fund raising activities like the Bridge of Allan bottle raffle and the Hot Dog stall at the Dunblane Fling. The windfarm grant was awarded and used for buying bouldering mats.

Charity Donations

The group supports local charities with fundraising and donations were made to:

- Dunblane Development Fund
- Ochil Mountain Rescue
- Start Up Stirling
- Strathcarron Hospice
- Scottish Fire and Rescue
- Home Start Stirling

Capital Costs and Maintenance Requirements

Key Maintenance requirements:

- Upgrade all toilets cisterns in the hall - In progress
- Replace the Scout Hall Kitchen including upgrades to Electrical work
- Repair work to some windows
- Investment required for vermin control on going
- Repair work to plumbing throughout the building
- Fitting of a bouldering wall with structural engineer support

Capital Spends:

- Bouldering wall mats (Windfarm Grant)
- Group investment in a new Website

Financial management

Prior to the End of this FY March 2025 all section accounts will were closed and remaining balances transferred to the group account. This marks a change to the previous financial management model where each of the 6 sections independently managed an account and the finances. It became apparent that administering this and maintaining signatory compliance became overly complex. We start the 25/26 year with one group account and each section has Go Cardless accounts credited for them to manage 'operational' costs for each of their sections as required.

All Parent Payments will be paid directly into the group account. The group will pay for all non-operational costs and ensure the running of the Scout hall is managed. The FY 24/25 has served as the transition period for this to happen.

The 2 outstanding funds from fundraising activities in last years report have been resolved and paid in in full. New Policies for Dealing Fundraising cash will be implemented in 2025 (Andrea Partridge).

Utility costs have been negotiated resulting in a much better rate for the group.

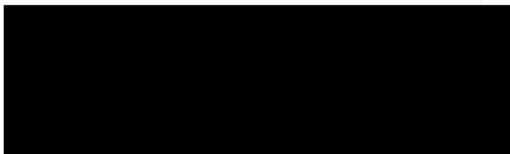
Subscription payments increased from £30 per term to £35 Per term. In the main this is to cover the increases in maintenance requirements to the aging property.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees believe it is appropriate to maintain a reserve equivalent to at least one year's annual payments in order to cover the timing differences between receipts and payments and also to allow for any unexpected items of expenditure in respect of the Group's premises.

Approved by the Group Executive Committee on 6th October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:-

Treasurer



Group Treasurer

4th/85th Dunblane Scout Group

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 4th/85th Dunblane Scout Group

I report on the financial statements of the 4th/85th Dunblane Scout Group ("the Group") for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations"). 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 the Regulations. 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 requirements
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with the Regulations, and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the Regulations have not been met.
2. The changes made to the accounting systems and the direction of travel are welcome. Future years should provide a good audit trail for all items and year to year comparisons.

Date 08/08 2025

Independent Examiner: 

Year ended 31 March 2025

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Group Treasurer

4th/85th Dunblane Scouts - Statement of Balances

24 - 25 Main Bank Accounts categories		
Row Labels	Debit Amount	Credit Amount
Cost District Capitation	£ 8,108.60	
Cost Electricity	£ 1,144.98	
Cost Fundraising	£ 1,051.08	
Cost Gas	£ 1,044.67	
Cost Insurance	£ 3,078.53	
Cost Maintanance	£ 1,316.13	
Cost Operations for Sections	£ 17,406.54	
Cost Parent Refund	£ 547.00	
Cost Website and Technology	£ 645.00	
Donations to charities	£ 750.00	
Income from Friday Beevers		£ 3,226.49
Income from Monday Cubs		£ 2,814.62
Income from Thursday Scouts		£ 7,956.89
Income from Tuesday Beevers		£ 2,862.56
Income from Tuesday Scouts		£ 5,995.32
Income from Wednesday Cubs		£ 8,460.83
Income Fundraising		£ 10,249.66
Income GiftAid		£ 902.58
Income Transfer from Section account		£ 9,328.20
Grand Total	£ 35,092.53	£ 51,797.15

* Note: Section Income includes Subs and Payments for camps and activities. Operational costs includes costs for badges and camp activities etc. This breakdown is different than in past years.

	24-25	23-24	Var (-/+)
Sections Bank accounts	£ -	£12,456.18	-£12,456.18
Group Account Balances 31/03/25			
Group Main Account	£ 24,496.40	£7,684.86	£16,811.54
NS&I Investment account	£ 7,231.39	£7,135.94	£95.45
TOTAL	£ 31,727.79	£ 27,276.98	£ 4,450.81

* Note: NS&I account will be closed and merged into the main account for 25-26 FY.

2024-25 Fundraising Activity

Summary	Funds Raised	£6,242.64
	Costs of Fundraising	£945.08
	Funds Raised - Costs	£5,297.56

Float £200 float of change held and owned by Hhopper

Date

May 25th	The Fling Hot Dog Stand		
	Funds Raised	Hotdog sales	£911.00
		Total	£911.00
	Costs	Stall Cost	£50.00
		Cost of Goods	£445.08
		Total	£495.08
		Prifit	£415.92

4th August	BOA Highland Games Bottle Stand		
	Funds Raised	bottle stall takings in cash	£1,087.00
		Givey Donations	£19.00
			£1,106.00
	Costs		
		Total	£0.00
			£1,106.00

29th November	Extravaganza	Dunblane High Street	
	Funds Raised	takings	£18.20
		costs	
		Total	£18.20
	Costs		
		Total	£0.00
			£18.20

December	Scout Post	Dunblane	
	Funds Raised		£527.00
		Total	£527.00
	Costs		
		Total	£0.00
			£527.00

December	Santa Sleigh	Dunblane	
	Funds Raised	Day 1	£742.85
		Day 2	£698.40
		Day 3	£786.00
		Day 4	£548.00
		Day 5	£694.20
		Givey	£173.00
		Gift Aid	£37.99
		Total	£3,680.44
	Costs	Sweets	£50.00
		Driver Fee	£400.00
			£450.00
			£3,230.44