

# **1<sup>ST</sup> BANCHORY SCOUT GROUP**



**Annual Report and Receipts and Payments Accounts  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**Scottish Charity Number: SC034476**

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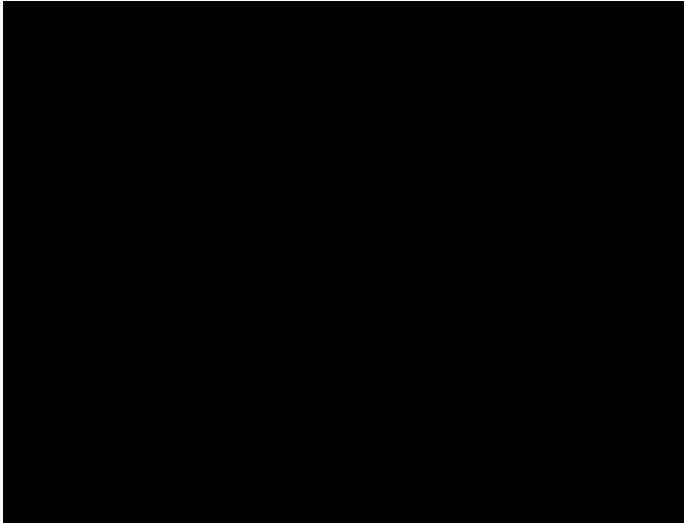
## Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

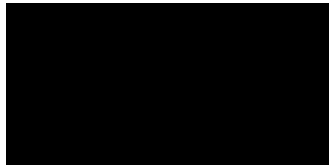
### Reference and Administrative Information

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## Trustees' Report (continued)

### Structure, Governance and Management

#### Governing Document

The Group is administered in accordance with its constitution in conjunction with the POR (Policy, Organisation and Rules) of the Scout Association.

#### The Group Trustee Board

The Group Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as Trustees, to make sure the Scouts is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance.

Effective Trustee support helps other volunteers run the Scout programme that gives young people skills for life.

Members of the Group Trustee Board must act collectively as Charity Trustees and in the best interest of the charity and its members.

### Objectives and Activities

#### Purpose

The 1<sup>st</sup> Banchory Scout Group actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities. They learn by doing, by sharing in spiritual reflection and by taking responsibility. They make choices, undertake new and challenging activities, and they live their Scout Promise.

We've assessed our aims, activities and charitable objectives, which are to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full potential as individuals, as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national and international communities. We believe that we've met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria for both the advancement of education, and the advancement of citizenship and community development.

#### Organisational Structure

The Group Executive meets up to 4 times a year with powers to call additional meetings as and when thought necessary. There is a subcommittee which oversees the annual Banchory Scout Group Jumble Sale. In addition, the uniformed leaders meet when it is deemed necessary for the purposes of discussing the operational requirements of the various sections which are as follows:

- Beaver Section
- Cub Section
- Scout Section

There is also an active Explorer Section which operates on a District basis.

## Trustees' Report (continued)

### Summary of Main Activities in Relation to these Objects / Purpose

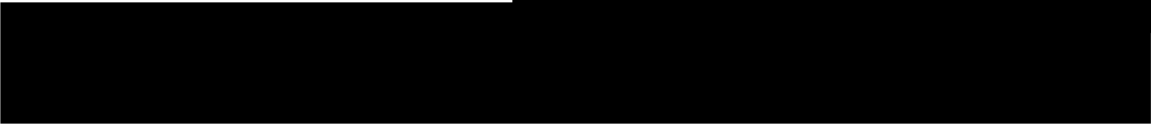
#### Group Lead Volunteer Report

Any report about the activities taking place across the 1<sup>st</sup> Banchory Scout Group must start with a huge thanks to all the leaders who give up their time week in week out so that our young people can make new friends, have amazing adventures, and learn new skills.


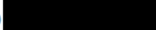

At our last census in January 2025, we had 225 young people in the Group comprising 47 Beavers, 72 Cubs, 70 Scouts & 36 Explorers. This makes us one of the largest youth organisations in Banchory.



Ten new leaders have joined the Group –



As well as the activities in each section which are recorded below, a number of activities are worth noting from a Group perspective.

- Banchory Volunteer Fair – the Group was represented at the event on Saturday 20 April 2024 by 
- Prins Hamlet Scout Group – on 6<sup>th</sup> August we had a visit from a group of Danish scouts from the Prins Hamlet Scout Group in Elsingør. We took the group paddle boarding in Drumoak with granite adventures, followed by a BBQ at the Scout Hut and a walk up Scolty. They stayed the night in the Scout Hut and thoroughly enjoyed their visit.
- Remembrance Day Parade - the Cub & Scout sections all participated in the Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November. This is an important part of the Group playing its part in the community and respecting those who died in service.
- Banchory Pantomime - all sections attended the Banchory Pantomime on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – oh yes, we did!
- Archery sessions – our thanks go to  who ran archery sessions for all sections w/c 17<sup>th</sup> February
- Jumble Sale – this is always such a great event for the Group. Our thanks go to the Jumble Sale team and everyone who helped out with the Jumble Sale on another tremendous result.
- Emergency Aid with RGU paramedics - the Paramedic students from RGU ran First Aid sessions in Scolty woods with all sections in April & May. Our thanks go to  from RGU for organising this.

## Trustees' Report (continued)

### Group Lead Volunteer Report (continued)

This year saw the introduction of a new Digital system from Scouting UK for all adult membership records and training. To say that this has been a trial is an understatement, and we continue to grapple with how to navigate and comply with the new system's requirements.

As part of this transition, [REDACTED] stepped back from her role as District Appointments Secretary. [REDACTED] became involved with the Group when she moved to Banchory from Edinburgh in 2007. Both her sons moved through the sections from Beavers, to Cubs, to Scouts & to Explorers. [REDACTED] was involved in many fundraising events as both her sons were selected to attend a World Scout Jamboree; [REDACTED] went to Sweden and [REDACTED] to Japan. They both also attended the Blair Athol Jamborette twice. [REDACTED] was also part of the Banchory Group Executive Committee for many years as well as being a regular stall holder at the Banchory Jumble Sale (something which she will continue to do!). Our thanks go to [REDACTED] for all her contributions to Banchory Scouting.

After 17 years with the Group, [REDACTED] also 'hung up her neckie' [REDACTED] joined the Banchory Group as an Assistant Cub Leader in 2008 and then led the Wednesday Cubs for 6 years from 2013 to 2018. At the same time [REDACTED] helped out with the Deeside Moosehunter Explorers group. Highlights from [REDACTED] time at Explorers included setting up and organised Duke of Edinburgh Awards for over 50 Scouting Explorers from Banchory and organising and leading an Explorers trip to Kandersteg in Switzerland. [REDACTED] became Group Scout Leader in 2017, a role which she also held for 6 years. During this time [REDACTED] was instrumental in steering the group through the COVID years, ensuring Scouting in Banchory continued, albeit appropriately socially distanced. [REDACTED] got her first taste of International Scouting as part of the leadership team which took the 1<sup>st</sup> Banchory Group to Canada in 2016. Getting a taste for Scouting overseas, [REDACTED] then became a Deputy Unit Leader of the North East Scotland Highlands and Islands for the 25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree to South Korea in 2023. [REDACTED] four sons have all been Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers in Banchory. [REDACTED] has been awarded her wood badge and a Commissioners Commendation and Award for merit for good service. As such, [REDACTED] has been a familiar face in Banchory Scouting and will be sorely missed.

In January 2025, [REDACTED] stepped down from the role of Hall Convenor. In post since January 2023, [REDACTED] set up the initial website & booking enquiries and has been dealing with all the external hall bookings of the hall since then. Our thanks go to [REDACTED] for all her work in this regard. We are grateful to [REDACTED] who has now taken on the role of Hall Convenor.

Special thanks also go to [REDACTED] in her role as Waiting List Co-ordinator [REDACTED] continues to manage all new enquiries for young people joining the Group and all the moves between the sections from Beavers to Cubs, Cubs to Scouts & Scouts to Explorers.

Scouting continues to flourish in Banchory, and it is a joy to be part of such a dynamic and committed Group.

[REDACTED]  
GLV, 1<sup>st</sup> Banchory Scout Group

## Trustees' Report (continued)

### Achievements and Performance

#### Monday Beavers

It's been a busy year for MNB with quite a few changes in the Leader roles. We said goodbye to Wolf [REDACTED] and Stag [REDACTED] in February as their sons moved to Cubs. Stag was with us for 4.5 years and has helped deliver a fantastic plan and wonderful introduction into the Scouting world for our youngest members. We also said goodbye to [REDACTED] as she finished her Gold DoE award, she was a brilliant help for the colony during her time with us and a highly active leader.

We welcomed Eagle ([REDACTED] and his son [REDACTED] as well as Hedgehog [REDACTED] and his son [REDACTED] to the colony in October who has proved to be invaluable in delivering a robust programme. Myself, Puffin [REDACTED] and Panda [REDACTED] remain on board with me moving into the new Leader position after Stag's departure.

With the support of the above we can run at a full capacity of 24 Beavers and spaces are filled up immediately as they become available. We welcomed 7 new Beavers in February alone demonstrating the demand for Scouting services in Banchory. We have a regular attendance of about 22+ Beavers each week, which is positive to see, and we have a good mix across the 6-8 year age range giving us a great dynamic.

Programme wise our biggest aim for our Beavers is that they achieve the Chief Bronze award during their potential two-year full term with us. We centre our activities around having fun, learning, teamwork and as much outdoor activity as we can (weather isn't the challenge but dark nights are!).

With this we were able to award another 5 Beavers their Bronze Chief Scouts award in January before they moved onto Cubs and award a further 6 at this year's AGM.

Some of the Activities and Badges undertaken this year have been a Crathes Easter Egg trail and grass sledging, Scolty Hike (we are trying to beat our record up and down each time!), Annual Remembrance, Chinese New Year celebrations with lantern making and prawn cracker sampling, constellation making with glow sticks to achieve our Space Badges, Rabbie Burns night with toasting of the Haggis, Teamwork games like blindfolded assault course, Archery with John and so much more! We also took on the challenge this past term of the Money Skills badge which took over two sessions as well as some light "homework" where Beavers had to collect anything at home for a period of weeks and then take it back in and show case what they collected. We had some amazing displays with a prize for the best presented, we had lego men, pinecones, seashells, conkers; very good to have them keen to participate in the home activities too.

The Emergency Aid badge was fantastically delivered in a fun way by the RGU trainee paramedics, and the Beavers were fully engaged for the whole session hopefully learning and taking away some vital knowledge. We were also able to ask them to slightly tailor their course so that existing Beavers with the Level 1 could achieve their Level 2's.

We hosted a joint MNB and TNB sleepover in Stonehaven Scout Hut which gave a welcome change of scenery and exciting trip for the Beavers. This joint sleepover was an excellent way to "combine forces" with the other colony and deliver a really fantastic overnight stay. We have another one planned for May this year in the same location.

## Trustees' Report (continued)

### Achievements and Performance (continued)

#### Monday Beavers (continued)

Visits this year have included the annual favourite local Pantomime including our heckling, a police station visit is planned at the end of the month and our trip last year to Granite Adventures saw a full attendance of all Beavers enjoying Paddle Sports on the Loch for two hours in the middle of summer. Several Log Chews have shown this to be a favourite with the Beavers (and quite possibly the Leaders too!).

A very active year for MNB with plenty planned this coming year to keep us busy, invigorated and fun!

Section Team Leader, Monday Beavers

#### Thursday Beavers

We have had a very busy year at Thursday Night Beavers with a good solid attendance most weeks of at least 22 Beavers out of 24 spaces available. The Leaders Team currently includes Otter [REDACTED] Wildcat [REDACTED] Crab [REDACTED], Badger [REDACTED] and Hedgehog [REDACTED] with a few changes happening at the end of term.

We had 12 older Beavers swim up to Cubs at the end of the summer last year which meant that there was quite a change to the dynamic of the colony. The autumn term was focused around being active outside and making the most of the light nights. We held a vegetable Highland Games, an orienteering challenge in the park and went grass sledging in the grounds of Crathes Castle. There was also a creative visit to Scolty woods where we were bark rubbing and sculpture building. Our day camp at Knockiehill woods was superb and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Then coming into winter, we turned our focus towards more indoor skills and knowledge. The Beavers all raised their game to show us a great diversity of interests and hobbies at our badge forum. We have keen gardeners, paddlers, collectors, book readers, animal lovers, cooks and hikers in the group. Then the Beavers worked in teams to complete some physical and mental challenges for the My Teamwork badge, and junk modelled a machine which would help make Christmas much easier for everyone.

Into the new year and we focussed on a very special Scottish Thistle Award, which celebrates all things Scottish from inventors and national landmarks to the Doric and Scots language and retro playground games. The Leaders were all really impressed with the level of application which the Beavers put in to gaining their award.

The spring term has seen visits to the Police Station, and the crannog walk at Lochton of Leys as well as stargazing on the golf course. But our big project was our Pinewood Derby, a classic Scouting activity where the Beavers designed, decorated and raced a toy car made out of a block of wood. The Banchory Men's Shed gave up their time to cut out the designs for us and we had a blast on race day with trophies given out for the fastest car, the best design and the Leader's favourite.



## Trustees' Report (continued)

### Achievements and Performance (continued)

#### Thursday Beavers (continued)

The forthcoming term is shaping up to have an exciting community focus. We've just had the RGU student paramedics teach us some outdoor first aid, and we made a point of celebrating VE Day's 80th anniversary, challenging the Beavers to think about the value of freedom and peace. We are going to be working in partnership with the River Dee Trust to look after a section of riverbank, and we also hope to be planting up the skatepark boundaries with a session run by Deeside Climate Action group.

In addition to all this we have a joint camp planned at Stonehaven Scout Hut with Monday Night Beavers, for the older ones to experience a night away with their friends. We'll be sleeping in the hall, making our own pizzas and holding a special campfire.

All in all, a jam-packed year of Scouting with plenty of fun activities and multiple badges gained.

[REDACTED] (Otter)

Section Team Leader, Thursday Beavers

#### Tuesday Cubs

We have currently 26 Cubs 5 full time Leaders and one young Leader we do have room for more, but we don't have enough full-time warranted leaders to accept more. We do have 1 part time leader, but he works offshore so can't manage every week which makes things challenging some weeks. We have had a busy and packed 2024-2025 if at time challenging with lack of leaders and parent helpers.

Highlights from 2024 - 2025 so far. Bee keeping night, Fire station visit, Tracking and wide games Crathes, Investitures & Games & Campfire - Crathes Castle, Scolty Night Hike, RGU Paramedic's, Astro Navigation, Archery, Nerf Target Shooting, Athletes Badge, Foot Golf Torphins Golf Club, Recycle Night, Bike Maintenance, Bushcraft Skills - Crathes

[REDACTED]

Section Team Leader, Tuesday Cubs

#### Wednesday Cubs

1st Banchory Wednesday Cubs have had another busy, activity-packed year.

Wednesday evening Cubs currently have 24 Cubs (21 boys and three girls). Our Cubs come from Hill of Banchory School, Banchory Primary and Drumoak Primary Schools. Parents regularly attend to support our activities and we have had a positive response from other parents when we have approached them for additional help.

We have 6 active leaders who attend regularly: [REDACTED] One of the leaders holds the nights away permit and a second is in training for approval this year. We have also been lucky to have [REDACTED] an Explorer Scout, as a helper and he has been excellent. [REDACTED] is finishing his exams and has completed his DofE requirements and is moving on. We would welcome the chance of working with another explorer scout for the coming year.



## Trustees' Report (continued)

### Achievements and Performance (continued)

#### Wednesday Cubs (continued)

The Wednesday Cubs continue to have great attendance at weekly meetings and also for special events. Over the past year, we have arranged for our Cubs to Attend the Banchory Town Hall Christmas pantomime; Take part in an outdoor camp at Knockiehill Woodland Centre; Take part in a martial arts session; Practise archery (Special thanks to [REDACTED]); Swimming at Banchory Leisure Centre; Host the RGU Trainee Paramedics & Fishing.

We regularly go for hikes, enjoy visiting Crathes and Scolty and like to play wide games in the park. At the time of writing, we have a number of sessions planned for the remainder of this semester, including Fishing; a visit to a Police station; Geocaching; Outdoor water activities at Granite City Adventures & a Camp at Templars.

The Cubs were proud to take part in the Remembrance Day parade in November. In December Wednesday Cubs collected donations and made-up Christmas gift and food hampers for Home Start.

We continue to strive to help ensure every cub moving up to scouts has achieved the requirements for the Silver award, through in person activities and at home challenges.

1st Banchory Wednesday Cubs continue to have a strong social media presence (with photo permission from parents) which is used to share the amazing work the children do. We also have good and regular communication with parents which we always appreciate.

We are looking forward to another successful and fun year.

[REDACTED]  
Section Team Leader, Wednesday Cubs

#### Friday Cubs

Firstly, we would like to welcome [REDACTED] who has officially joined our team at Friday Cubs.

Currently our Pack is sitting at 25 Cub Scouts.

As usual within all the Sections, we have had a fairly busy year again engaging in a variety of activities and Cubs gaining numerous badges.

Unfortunately, we were unable to undertake any camping over the past year. This was due to the unavailability of Leaders for various unforeseen reasons. However, we are due to camp again this month which should be fun.

## Trustees' Report (continued)

### Achievements and Performance (continued)

#### Friday Cubs (continued)

With the rest of the Group, Friday Cubs took part in the annual Remembrance Day Parade in Banchory. A very pleasant Cub night was had in preparation, as kindly the Parade Commander came to our meeting and instructed the Cubs in the skills of marching and drill! On the day they were near perfect!

At Christmas time we repeated our Carol Singing evening at our local Bellfield Care Home and everyone seemed to enjoy the talented Cubs singing. However, a complaint was received, 'that it wasn't long enough!' We will see if we can do better this year!

Last year our Pack undertook a very successful Sponsored Hike around Loch Muick near Ballater. We have built up a relationship with Scouting in Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa and we helped raise funds to support the re-building of the Scout Camp in the centre of Durban. The site was overtaken by vandals during Covid when the municipality security was not available to protect the site. Scouting in Durban is essential in supporting young people in an incredibly disadvantaged area, facing significant challenges. Last year's fundraising efforts by our Cubs was truly incredible, the Pack raising £1,350 which was transferred to South Africa and has helped re-build the camp site used by groups from across the region. All who took part received special badges acknowledging our relationship with KZN Scouting. We are again raising funds this year.

We currently have 3 Cubs who have almost completed achieving their Chief Scouts Silver Awards.

I would like to conclude by thanking all Parents who have helped Friday Cubs throughout the past year.

  
Section Team Leader, Friday Cubs

#### Monday Scouts

We started off the 2024 – 2025 Term welcoming in new Scouts with an investiture Hike up to Toms Cairn, this was a great start to the term reminding the Scouts just how quickly the weather can change when walking on the hills around Banchory, and why the Scouts motto “Be Prepared” is so important.

In the Autumn term we had the Scouts out and about learning skills for life through Building Bivi's in Scolty woods which then then camped under; An evening with the Banchory Tennis Club; Deposited several new Geocaches throughout Corsee woods; Took part in the Remembrance Day Parade; A night of cooking; Badge Challenge evening where Scouts presented to the rest of the Troop, work they had done outside of Scouts towards several different badges and our yearly attendance at the Banchory Christmas Panto. The Scouts also enjoyed a joint weekend camp down at Fordel Furs in October.

Through the winter term we ran our evenings in and outside of the Scout Hut getting the Scouts outside whenever possible with various activities including Teamwork challenges, such as the wall climb, Toxic Waste transport, and Alphabet search; Glow in the Dark Wide Games; Burns Night cooking; Scout Skills video night; Night Navigation; Night Hike up Hill of Fare & Penknife Skills.

## Trustees' Report (continued)

### Achievements and Performance (continued)

#### Monday Scouts (continued)

The Winter term ended with a fantastic night under the stars as part of The Great Tommy Sleep Out which Scouts from all three Troops took part in to raise funds for veterans that are experiencing homelessness in the UK, through very generous donations we managed to raise more than £1000!

As we moved into the summer our programme continues to build on the activities we have been doing throughout the year, and we are looking forward to the joint camp at Brodie Castle!

[REDACTED]  
Section Team Leader, Monday Scouts

#### Thursday Scouts

We had a successful camp at the Daviot site in September. As well as practicing traditional scouting skills using patrol tents we completed a navigation event on Bennachie.

In March we participated in The Great Tommy Sleep Out. This sponsored sleepout raises funds for homeless and vulnerable veterans. The Scouts did very well, lightweight camping under tarpaulins after walking in to a remote location and raised 1,005 from 57 supporters. Congratulations to all who took part to help this very worthwhile cause.

We have had two sessions with Paramedic students from RGU. As well as covering more advanced requirements of the first aid badges it has been great to have younger people instructing the scouts, many thanks to the organisers.

Six Scouts from TNS completed the Expedition challenge this year, one of the key challenge badges for achieving the Chief Scout's Gold award. The expedition theme was investigating the Balmoral estate, the Cairns and history of the estate and camping in Glen Gelder. We had one Scout complete the Gold award this year, congratulations to Benji Ling.

We have made steady progress in our Challenge badgework with most Scouts on track to achieve the Gold award if they complete the expedition.

Our numbers are currently at 21 with four leaders. Many thanks to [REDACTED] for their time, input and energy to help our young people have the experience of Scouting.

[REDACTED]  
Section Team Leader, Thursday Scout

#### Friday Scouts

The autumn - winter term focused on back to basics learning as part of the Skills Challenge badge. This included Map & Compass, Household Tasks, Maintaining Good Health, Circuit Training, Lamps, Stoves & Fires, Building Guys for Guy Fawkes, Circus Skills & celebrating St. Andrew's Day. Activities-wise, we had a successful cycle ride from Drumoak to Banchory, a MasterChef competition, a tour around the Banchory War Memorials, participation in the Remembrance Day Parade and a visit to the Banchory Pantomime.

## Trustees' Report (continued)

### Achievements and Performance (continued)

#### Friday Scouts (continued)

The joint October camp with all 3 Scout Troops was held at Fordell Firs from 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> October. 37 Scouts attended with activities including a Challenge Course, 3G Swing, Archery, Caving and a Campfire.

Our Winter- Spring programme tackled the Personal Challenge badge which included Knots, Map & Compass, Fitness at The Unit, Fires, Archery, Pancakes, Learning Sign Language & Learning to debate some Topics of Interest. Our Family Burns Night was a great success with performances from several of the Scouts & Scout Leaders. The 3 Scout Troops took part in the Great Tommy Sleep Out event on Friday 28th March to Saturday 29th March to raise fund for the British Legion to support homeless veterans. Scouts & Leaders camped out under the stars near Bogendreip, not far from Strachan on the Cairn O' Mount Road.

Highlights so far in our Spring-Summer term have included Jumble Sale Collecting, Swimming badge, Bike Ride from Potarch to Banchory, putting up Patrol Tents, First Aid with RGU, hike tents at Crathes, a visit to the Braemar Mountain Rescue, the Athletics Badge & a farm visit.

Section Team Leader, Friday Scouts

#### Banchory Moosehunter Explorers

The Moosehunters have had an active year, and we have been at capacity in terms of numbers with up to 36 Explorers on the books!

Our programme has included a good range of activities across navigation, orienteering, indoor and outdoor cooking, pioneering, First Aid and archery. We meet every other Tuesday from 8.15 to 9.30pm typically but we often adjust the timing to suit the activity.

As in previous years we have enjoyed a weekend trip with the Ocean Youth Trust this time on the round the world 72-foot boat "Alba Explorer". This opportunity remains open for future trips as long as we can commit to numbers.

We also ran two Duke of Edinburgh expeditions: Bronze from Glen Esk to Glentinar via Mount Keen and Silver from Invercauld to and from Bridge of Avon in two teams, each going in opposite directions. With high river levels and cold conditions, the teams did really well.

We also supported a Patrol of Explorers attending the 2024 Blair Atholl Jamborette which is a major International camp across 10 days running every other year. We will be recruiting participants for the 2026 Blair Atholl in the Autumn.

## Trustees' Report (continued)

### Achievements and Performance (continued)

#### Banchory Moosehunter Explorers (continued)

This summer we will say good bye to the S6 proportion of the Unit and wish them well with future endeavours, this will bring our numbers down to more manageable levels and a lower average age in the Unit but we welcome new recruits moving up from Scouts in September and February so if you are interested in joining us, please get in touch.

This year [REDACTED] who has led the unit for the last 6 or 7 years has also decided to step back. For much of this period, [REDACTED] was also performing the Group Scout Leader role, and we would like to thank [REDACTED] for the dedication and enthusiasm shown and for placing the Unit on such a solid footing.

[REDACTED]

For the coming period we hope to link the activities of several nights and focus as a Unit on specific themes and badges.

[REDACTED]

Section Team Leader, Deeside Moosehunters Explorer Unit

## Trustees' Report (continued)

### Achievements and Performance (continued)

#### Awards for 2024/2025

##### **The Baloo Trophy**

This trophy was presented to the Cubs in 1972 by the Late Margaret Beddie on behalf of her son Kenneth, a cub leader for many years. The trophy is for Cubs who are 'always doing their best'.

Tuesday Cubs - [REDACTED]

Friday Cubs - [REDACTED]

##### **The Eagle Trophy**

There is no history for this trophy to hand, but it is presented for cubs who demonstrate Cub spirit.

Tuesday Cubs - [REDACTED]

Friday Cubs - [REDACTED]

##### **Philmont Shield**

The shield incorporates a tile brought back from the Philmont Scout Reserve, New Mexico in 1979 by Banchory Scouts [REDACTED] who were part of the Scout contingent to the World Jamboree. The tile features the cattle brand used on the Reserve and was presented to Mr [REDACTED] presented the shield to the group, and it is awarded to Scouts who have showed improvement and developed their leadership qualities over their times in Scouts.

Monday Scouts [REDACTED]

Thursday Scouts [REDACTED]

Friday Scouts - [REDACTED]

##### **The Diamond Jubilee Shield**

The shield was presented by Banchory Town Council in 1972 to mark the '60 years of Scouting in Banchory' celebrations in May 1972. The shield is awarded to the Scouts who have made the most progress in their first year of Scouting.

Monday Scouts [REDACTED]

Thursday Scouts [REDACTED]

Friday Scouts - [REDACTED]

##### **The Gordon Trophy**

The Capercaillie Claw on a base is awarded for the Inter-patrol competition and was presented to the Troop by the late A W Gordon of Banff.

Thursday Scouts – Eagles: [REDACTED]

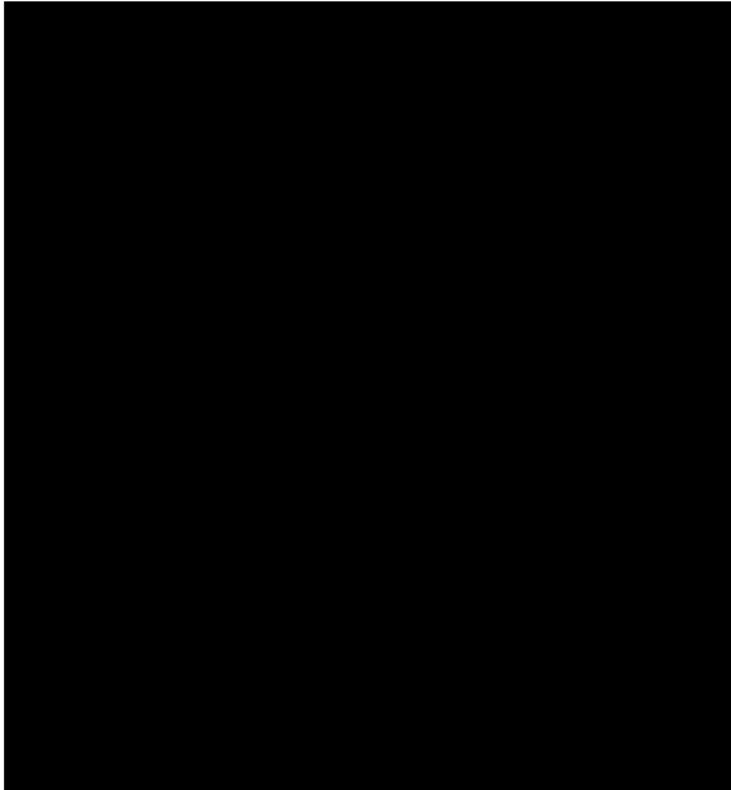
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## **Trustees' Report (continued)**

### **Achievements and Performance (continued)**

#### **Awards for 2024/2025 (continued)**





## Trustees' Report (continued)

### Achievements and Performance (continued)

#### Chairperson's Report

We continue to see the Banchory Scout Group from strength to strength, with all our sections delivering great programmes to their young people. This is in no small part down to the tireless efforts of our volunteer leader team. I'd like to thank you all for the time and effort you put in to making Scouting a great experience for our young people.

Nobody likes waiting lists, but we need them as we do not have enough leaders in the Group. Being a leader can be very rewarding as you see the young people progressing through the sections. The Scout Group has been very successful in attracting young people to Beavers and Cubs and this has meant that there is a waiting list set. We are always on the lookout for people who would like to help the Scout Group as a leader or to help as an assistant in any section. Not everyone has time to devote every week, but there may be a role for you at special events that the group may run. Please, if you are interested, get in touch with the Scout Group's Lead Volunteer [REDACTED]

Our finances are healthy, and this is mainly down to the Annual Jumble Sale, and I am amazed at high much this fund-raising venture takes in for group funds every year. I really want to thank all the leaders and helpers that help run the jumble sale, as this takes the pressure off the Trustee Board in how we fund the upkeep and running of the hut. This also means that all Scout activities, weekly nights, camps and special events can be subsidised and enjoyed by all the young people in the group. Finally, my thanks go to the members of the Trustee Board and especially [REDACTED] the Group Lead Volunteer, who goes above and beyond to make sure that the Group thrives and continues here in Banchory. Thank you, Board, for all your support and time that you put in for Banchory Scouts.

Yours in Scouting,  
[REDACTED]

## Trustees' Report (continued)

### Achievements and Performance (continued)

#### Financial Review

The principal source of income for the charity is donations which increased 1% to £32,110.

Hall and Equipment Hire increased to £3,538 this year from £2,335 last year. However, this has come at a cost as our utility bill for electricity is significantly higher this year than last. We have taken two actions in this regard, firstly we have disconnected half of the heaters in the hall to reduce the consumption and have seen positive results from this. Secondly, we have increased the hall hire charges.

Regarding the hall, [REDACTED] currently reviewing options for us to improve our overall energy efficiency of the hall [REDACTED] ally change the heating system.

Total costs increased by 42% to £65,863. The main increases were:

- 1) Electricity costs increased by £12,340. Some of this was catch up as the utility company were slow in charging. However I expect electricity costs to be around £8,100 for the coming year.
- 2) Repairs increased by £3,361 to £7,032. This covered the repairs to the outside of the building, new racks for the marquees, clearing out the gutters and also multiple small repairs within the building.
- 3) Capitation fees increased by £7 each which resulted in a £2,343 increase.

The net proceeds for the jumble sale in April 2024 were £17,051, a fantastic total. The Jumble Sale team did a fantastic job of reducing the end of event waste costs by around £1,000. Thanks to the jumble sale team for supporting this major fundraising event. Without this event we would need to increase subscriptions by around £100 per year per child.

Overall, we had a deficit of £11,774 for the year. In the prior year our surplus was £5,213.

Our closing reserves were £31,605.

As we have highlighted the past couple of years, cost inflation has been significant. We have been able to utilise some of the reserves of the group plus increase income to keep subscriptions flat. However, with our Scout Central and District fees increase by £7 per child we unfortunately do need to pass this on. In addition we do need to put some funds back into reserves as they are at the lower end of what we would like. Therefore, the fees for the next school year will increase from £125 to £140. They will continue to be collected quarterly towards the end of each term.

Trustees’ Report (continued)

Achievements and Performance (continued)

Financial Review (continued)

Reserves Policy

It is the Trustees policy to hold reserves of approximately six months expenditure. At the year end the group held unrestricted funds of £31,605. £26,622 of this total is designated to property repairs should any major repairs be required. The remaining balance of £4,983 represents about 1 months expenditure.

We will continue to make efforts to increase our overall reserves to boost the resilience of the group.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees:

Signatures	<div></div>	
Full name	<div></div>	
Position	Treasurer	Group Scout Leader
Date	17 June 2025	17 June 2025

## Trustees' Report (continued)

### Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

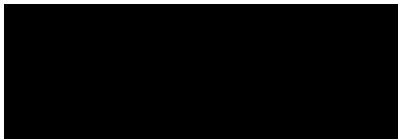
The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the method and principles in the applicable Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information on the congregation's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of the trustee.

17 June 2025

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 1<sup>st</sup> Banchory Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 20 to 24.

### 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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 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, and
  - 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:


Signed by:

Relevant Professional qualification / professional body:

CIMA

Address:

Date: 17 June 2025

	Enter charity name below						Enter SC No.	
	1st Banchory Scout Group						SC034476	
	Receipts and payments accounts							
	For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
Day		Month	Year	Day		Month	Year	
01		April	2024	31		March	2025	

Section A Statement of receipts and payments						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>						
Donations	32,110	-	-	-	32,110	31,905
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	18,805	-	-	-	18,805	18,980
Gross trading receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	375	-	-	-	375	235
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	4,894	-	-	-	4,894	3,525
					-	
<b>A1 Sub total</b>	<b>56,184</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,184</b>	<b>54,645</b>
<b>A2 Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>56,184</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,184</b>	<b>54,645</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities	2,095	-	-	-	2,095	3,089
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	65,863	-	-	-	65,863	46,343
Grants and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governance costs:						
Audit / independent examination	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
					-	-
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>67,958</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,958</b>	<b>49,432</b>
<b>A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>67,958</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,958</b>	<b>49,432</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>(11,774)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(11,774)</b>	<b>5,213</b>
<b>A5 Transfers to / (from) funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>(11,774)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(11,774)</b>	<b>5,213</b>

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Section B Statement of balances							
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	43,379	-	-	-	43,379	38,166
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(11,774)	-	-	-	(11,774)	5,213
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year (Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	31,605	-	-	-	31,605	43,379
	Details			Fund to which asset belongs		Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments	None						
				Total			
	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £	
B3 Other assets	None						
			Total				
	Details			Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £	
B4 Liabilities	None						
			Total				
	Details			Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £	
B5 Contingent liabilities	None						
			Total				

Signatures

Full name

Date 17 June 2025

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<b>Section C Notes to the Accounts</b>		
<b>C1 Nature and purpose of funds</b> <i>(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)</i>	<p>£26,622 has been designated for use as a "Property Repair Fund". These funds are unrestricted but designated for any major property repairs arising.</p>	
<b>C2 Grants</b>	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution      Number of grants made      £
	None	
		<b>Total</b>
		-
<b>C3a Trustee remuneration</b>	<p>If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)</p>	
	X	
<b>C3b Trustee remuneration - details</b>	Authority under which paid	£
<b>C4a Trustee expenses</b>	<p>If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)</p>	
	X	
<b>C4b Trustee expenses - details</b>	Activity Costs	Number of trustees      £
		2      539
	Camp Costs	1      220
	Jumble Sale Expenses	1      543
	General Admin Costs	2      580
<b>C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons</b>	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction      Transaction amount (£)      Balance outstanding at period end (£)
<b>C6 Other information</b>	None.	

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Additional analysis (1)						
Analysis of receipts and payments						
1 Donations						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Subscriptions	24,427	-	-	-	24,427	19,891
Towards Camp Costs	3,604	-	-	-	3,604	6,230
Cairngorm National Park	-	-	-	-	-	-
Towards Activity Costs	3,514	-	-	-	3,514	2,204
Banchory Round Table	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tax Recovered from Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-	2,798
Giving Force Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry	565	-	-	-	565	782
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,110</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,110</b>	<b>31,905</b>
	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Grants						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds			Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £			to nearest £	to nearest £
None					-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	-	-			-	-
3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Hall Hire	3,238	-	-	-	3,238	2,335
Equipment Hire	300	-	-	-	300	-
Fundraising for Scouts South Africa	1,356	-	-	-	1,356	1,190
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,894</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,894</b>	<b>3,525</b>
	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Accommodation:Cleaning & Gardening	7,295	-	-	-	7,295	6,716
Accommodation:Heat & Light	14,703	-	-	-	14,703	2,363
Accommodation:Internet & TV	942	-	-	-	942	860
Accommodation:Rates	737	-	-	-	737	-
Accommodation:Repairs & Renewals	7,032	-	-	-	7,032	3,671
Administration:Bank Charges	28	-	-	-	28	10
Administration:General Administration Expenses	1,334	-	-	-	1,334	1,220
Administration:GoCardless Charges	1,151	-	-	-	1,151	710
Administration:Insurance	2,986	-	-	-	2,986	2,974
Administration:OSM Charges	244	-	-	-	244	170
Capitation Fees:District Scout Council	11,021	-	-	-	11,021	8,678
Capitation Fees:Subscription Refunds	31	-	-	-	31	725
Donations Given	-	-	-	-	-	1,590
Fundraising Expenses:Sundry Fundraising Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	120
Misc Exp:New Equipment	504	-	-	-	504	2,222
Preprogramme Activities Etc:Activities	6,355	-	-	-	6,355	7,116
Preprogramme Activities Etc:Camp Expenditure	7,190	-	-	-	7,190	4,450
Section Expenses	320	-	-	-	320	250
Section Expenses:Beaver Colony	1,296	-	-	-	1,296	420
Section Expenses:Cub Pack Expenses	849	-	-	-	849	981
Section Expenses:Scout Troop Expenses	1,645	-	-	-	1,645	1,097
Duke of Edinburgh	-	-	-	-	-	-
Courses	200	-	-	-	200	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,863</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,863</b>	<b>46,343</b>

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<b>Additional analysis (2)</b>						
<b>5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds</b>						
	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below		
	General Funds	Property Repair Fund			Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations	32,110	-			32,110	31,905
Legacies	-	-			-	-
Grants	-	-			-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	18,805	-			18,805	18,980
Gross trading receipts	-	-			-	-
buildings	-	375			375	235
Rents from land & buildings	-	-			-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	4,894	-			4,894	3,525
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>55,809</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,184</b>	<b>54,645</b>
<b>Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-			-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-			-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>55,809</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,184</b>	<b>54,645</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities	2,095	-			2,095	3,089
Gross trading payments	-	-			-	-
Investment management costs	-	-			-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	60,469	5,394			65,863	46,343
Grants and donations	-	-			-	-
Governance costs:						
Audit / independent examination	-	-			-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-			-	-
Legal costs	-	-			-	-
Other	-	-			-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>62,564</b>	<b>5,394</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,958</b>	<b>49,432</b>
<b>Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-			-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-			-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>62,564</b>	<b>5,394</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,958</b>	<b>49,432</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>(6,755)</b>	<b>(5,019)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(11,774)</b>	<b>5,213</b>
<b>Transfers to / (from) funds</b>	<b>(10,000)</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>(16,755)</b>	<b>4,981</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(11,774)</b>	<b>5,213</b>
<b>Nature and purpose of funds</b>						
£26,622 has been designated for use as a "Property Repair Fund". These funds are unrestricted but designated for any major property repairs arising.						