



Scouts

Peebles Scout Group

Annual Report & Financial Statements

For the Year Ended

31st August 2025

Charity No SC035303

Peebles Scout Group

Trustees' Annual Report, Year ended 31st August 2025

The Group Trustee Board have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31st August 2025

Name & Address

The Group's is Peebles Scout Group, address is The Scout Hall, Dean Park, Peebles EH45 8DD.

Correspondence Address is c/o Susan Brown, Chairperson, Hillview, Glentress, Peebles, EH45 8NB.

Trustees

Mrs Susan Brown	Group Chair
Mrs Lorna McNae	Secretary & Trustee
Ms Amy MacLinton	Treasurer
Mr Steve Scott	Group Scout Leader
Mrs Louise Ballantyne	Trustee
Mrs Joanna Lea	Trustee
Mr Steven Crombie	Trustee
Mr Alex Nairn	Trustee

Team Leaders (formally Section Leaders)

Mr Mike Jones	Cub Leader
Mr Rob Young	Beaver Leader
Ms Morag Carrie	Cub Leader
Mr Richard Lewis	Scout Leader

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

Governance, Constitution & Management

The Scout Group is constituted in terms of the Rules of The Scout Association which is a charitable body incorporated by Royal Charter. The Group is a registered Scottish Charity – No SC035303.

The Group's governing documents are those of the 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.

The Group is a Trust established under Scout Association Rules, which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to OSCR, the Charity Regulator as appropriate.

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and a number of Trustees and meets every 3 months. Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board. The Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Purpose

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.

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

- **Integrity** - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
- **Respect** - We have self-respect and respect for others.
- **Care** - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- **Belief** - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
- **Co-operation** - We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Activities & Achievements

During the year the Group has undertaken a wide and varied programme of Scouting Activities across all sections which are documented in the section reports as held in the Group Committee Meeting Minutes file.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees believe that around 12 months of annual expenditure is an appropriate level of reserves in order to cover the timing differences between receipts and payments and to allow for any unexpected expenditure on repairs and upkeep of the Scout Hall

The Group's closing balance for this period fell short of this amount, however following our Hall build and related loan repayment we are returning to an increasing operation surplus year on year. It would be expected that we will be meeting our reserves policy within the next two reporting periods.

Declaration

Approved by the Group Board of Trustees 18th September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:-

Susan Brown
Group Chair

Independent Examiner's Report, Year Ended 31st August 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Peebles Scout Group

I report on the financial statements of the Peebles Scout Group ("the Group") for the year ended 31st August 2024 which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

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 the 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 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, or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



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Programme Manager

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Peebles Scout Group
Receipts & Payments Account, Year ended 31st August 2025

	<u>Note</u>	<u>£</u> <u>2024/25</u>	<u>£</u> <u>2023/24</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Subscriptions	3	2,532.99	2,776.53
Fund Raising	4	2,375.93	5,305.95
Hall Hire	5	5,223.25	5,347.00
Donations			
Beaver		41.60	0.00
Cubs		0.00	0.00
Scouts		0.00	0.00
Camps	6	240.70	108.52
Group		0.00	0.00
Gift Aid		0.00	0.00
Other		67.66	241.36
<u>Total Receipts</u>		10,482.13	13,779.36
<u>PAYMENTS</u>			
Cost of Fund Raising	7	29.14	0.00
Hall Maintenance		1,360.48	0.00
Premises	8	4,240.71	5,791.19
Group Expenditure	9	6,983.93	3,225.85
<u>Total Payments</u>		12,614.26	9,017.04
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		-2,132.13	4,762.32
		32.37	84.04
Plus Bank Interest		-2,099.76	4,846.36
Total Surplus / (Deficit) for Year			

Peebles Scout Group Statement of Balances

<u>Cash & Bank Balances (Unrestricted)</u>	<u>2024 /25</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
Opening Balance as at 01/09/2024	8,905.79	4,059.43
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-2,099.76	4,846.36
Closing Balance as at 31.08.2025	6,806.03	8,905.79
Less Cash in hand		
Final Closing Balance at bank	6,806.03	8,905.79

Other Assets

The Group owns the Scout Hall at Dean Park Peebles.

The Group owns a quantity of camping equipment which has been acquired over a number of years

The Group has a second bank account holding a balance of £54.83

Liabilities

The Group has no material liabilities or obligations.

The Notes on Page 6 Form an integral part of these Accounts.

Declaration

Approved by the Group Board of Trustees 18th September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:-

Susan E Brown
Group Chair

Peebles Scout Group

Notes to the Accounts, Year ended 31 August 2025

1. Funds

The Group maintains a single undesignated general fund for all its financial transactions

2. Trustees Remuneration & Expenses

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year

3. Subscription Income	7,172.99
Less: Paid to Scout Headquarters	<u>4,640.00</u>
	<u>2,532.99</u>

4. Fund Raising Income	2,375.93
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5. Hall Hire	
Hall Hire	5,223.25

6. Camps	
Income for Camp	1,830.00
Less Camp Costs	<u>1,589.30</u>
	<u>240.70</u>

7. Cost of Fund Raising	29.14
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8 Premises	
Heating & Lighting	3,106.72
Insurance	<u>1,133.99</u>

9. Group Activities	£
Programme activities	
Beavers	697.52
Cubs	19.45
Cubs	
Scouts	914.03
Group	4,915.08
Badges	257.85
Beaver Activity	
Training	180.00