



TRUSTEES REPORT

Year end 31 March 2026

Scottish Registered Charity No: SCO 35383

TRUSTEES REPORT OF 1st ALVA SCOUT GROUP

The Trustees Board of 1st Alva Scout Group has pleasure in presenting their Annual Report together with the Financial Statements and the Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 March 2026

OBJECTIVES

The Scout Association is a UK-wide charitable body, incorporated by Royal Charter. Its aim is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential 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.

This is achieved through the Scout Method which states that "Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting".

- 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;
- and make and live by their Promise.

We are guided by the Values of Scouting which are:

- **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 co-operate with others and make friends.
In line with the Scout Association, our goals to 2026 are based around achieving:
- **Growth:** enabling more young people and adult volunteers to benefit from Scouting and the skills it gives them.
- **Inclusivity:** ensuring barriers to inclusion are removed and working to build tolerance.
- **Community impact:** making a difference in our local and global community.
- **Youth-shaped:** ensuring our young people get a voice in Scouting, share their experiences and take on leadership roles.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Scout Group is constituted in terms of the Rules of The Scout Association, which is a charitable body incorporated by Royal Charter. The Trustees Board meets three times per annum.

ACCOUNTS

Financial statement for the year from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 is appended.

VOLUNTEERS

Scouting in Alva depends entirely on the efforts of volunteers. The Trustees Board recognises the considerable time and effort given by the many uniformed and non-uniformed adults in the Group in order to provide good Scouting for our Young People and thanks them for all their commitment.

The Group Board of Trustees exists to ensure Scouting is run safely, legally and in line with our charitable purpose. They are confident that:

The charity is well managed, carrying out its purpose for the public benefit.

- Our activities comply with our governing document and the law.
- We are following POR and the rules of the Charity Regulator (OSCR).
- Young people are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels
- The Group has sufficient resources to meet any planned work of the Group.

The Group has systems that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement and loss. These include requiring two signatories for all payments made by any section within the Group, expenditure of a certain amount being approved by a wider group of leaders, maintaining a risk register of potential risks to the charity and mitigating against these and insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

CURRENT TRUSTEES

Trustees are recruited in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules (POR) of the Scout Association. The members named below served during the year:

Loes McEwan	Chairperson
Gavin Muirhead	Team leader
Anne Spruce	Team member
Jennifer Allan	Treasurer
Tracey Macintosh	Secretary, resigned
Janice Maxwell	Elected member
Mairi Pass	Elected member
Carolyn Nicol	Team member

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

Alva Scout Group may be contacted at: Loes McEwan, Chairperson, 17 Dickies Wells, Alva FK12 5JB.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Martin Dunsmore, 60 Brookfield Place, Alva FK12 5AT

BANKERS

Halifax/Bank of Scotland, 15 Mar Street, Alloa FK10 1HR







CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

This year has been a difficult year. Unfortunately I was not been able to devote as much time to the Group as I have done in previous years, due to Gordon's progressing illness. The leaders have been great and supported me through this busy year.

We have adhered by all the statutory requirements, so there are no worries there.

We have submitted a claim for Gift aid on our weekly and annual subscriptions for the period 2024 - 2026. This will boost our funds by £2158 this year.

We also received £3364 from EDF Burnfoot Foundation to install thermal lined curtains to improve the insulation and heat retention in our hall.

The Group also supported the Alloa Round Table during the Alloa Half Marathon. The Scouts manned the water point in Alva and we received a donation of £500, which was put towards the upkeep of the hall.

The Group also participated in the Nebit Walk, organised by the Alloa Rotary Club and £286 was raised.

In February this year we discovered rotten joists and wet rot on the north side of the main hall floor. We got 3 companies to quote for this and submitted a funding application to Burnfoot Hill Wind Farm Community Fun. We are pleased to say that we have secured £5000 towards the repair costs

The Trustees Board normally meets three times a year to discuss the wellbeing of the Group. New members are always welcome. Finally, thanks to all the Team members, and parent helpers for their support to all our events. A special thank you to Martin Dunsmore for auditing our accounts.

Loes McEwan
Chairperson

GROUP REPORT

This has been another busy year for the Group. Starting with our annual Group Camp, held at the Barrwood Scout Camp site for the first time in a few years. We also took the opportunity to use our older "heavyweight" tents, which all the Cubs and Scouts seemed to enjoy.

Over the course of the year, the sections have enjoyed a wide range of activities, including visits from the Japanese Gardens, soft archery, science experiments, pioneering, fire lighting, diy, and cooking. We also had all sections in mixed teams at the bowling for their Christmas Party.

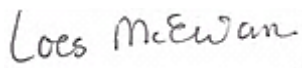
This year saw the 40th Anniversary of Beavers, and the 110th anniversary of Cubs. Both sections had the opportunity to celebrate with other Beavers and Cubs at the Barrwood Scout Camp site

Numbers are generally low across all the sections, so if you know of anyone who would be interested in joining Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, or as a leader please let us know.

My thanks go to all the children, the Leader Teams, the Trustees, and Loes. Without all these volunteers, the Group wouldn't function.

Gavin Muirhead
Team Leader

Signed: 15 June 2026

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Loes McEwan, chairperson







Beavers





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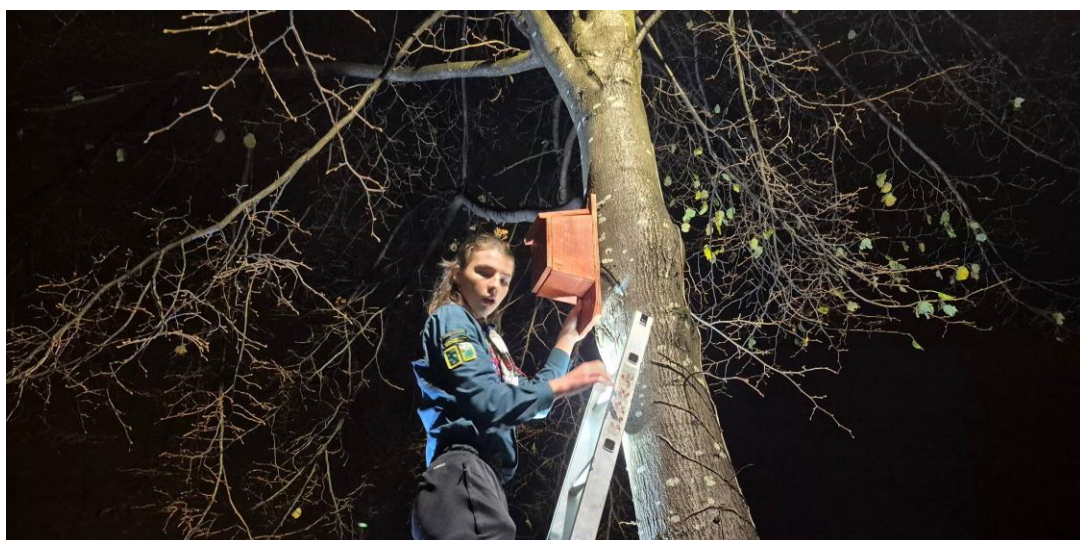
Cubs















Consolidated Receipts & Payments of Group, Beaver, Cub & Scout Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2026

RECEIPTS	2025/2026	2024/2025
Badges, uniform & training	748.00	18.55
Camp & Outings	943.00	2,165.00
Capitation fees	2,893.00	4,391.80
Donations	990.00	2,070.00
Fundraising	4,237.63	3,602.57
Group / Hall equipment	124.80	0.00
Miscellaneous	164.48	12.92
Weekly subs from members	6,245.60	5,678.98
Total Receipts	16,346.51	17,939.82
PAYMENTS		
Badges, uniform & training	1,365.84	897.04
Camp & Outings	1,624.56	3,091.61
Capitation fees	2,976.00	4,840.80
Donations	30.00	50.00
Fundraising	362.00	485.00
Group / Hall equipment	59.98	0.00
Hall Maintenance	5,879.21	4,408.93
Heat & Light	3,265.04	3,753.68
Miscellaneous	1,038.89	477.90
Weekly activities	673.36	860.92
Weekly Subs	2,557.10	1,202.30
Total Payments	19,831.98	20,068.18
Surplus/Loss for year	-3,485.47	-2,128.36

Receipts & Payments Group Account
Year ended 31 March 2026

	Note	2025/2026	2024/2025
RECEIPTS			
Camp Income		446.00	614.50
Capitation fees		1,488.00	2,678.80
Donations		960.00	2,045.00
Uniform, badges & training		643.00	18.55
Equipment		0.00	0.00
Fundraising	1	4,150.03	3,426.34
Miscellaneous		0.00	10.00
Subs from sections to Group	2	2,657.10	1,332.90
Hall Maintenance		124.80	0.00
Total Receipts		10,468.93	10,126.09
PAYMENTS			
Camp expenses		886.56	1,518.71
Capitation fees		1,488.00	2,162.00
Donations		0.00	0.00
Equipment		59.98	0.00
Fundraising		306.00	360.00
Hall maintenance & insurance	3	5,879.21	4,408.93
Heat & light		3,265.04	3,753.68
Miscellaneous		793.98	477.90
Subs		0.00	0.00
Uniform, badges & training		417.00	583.55
Weekly activities		0.00	0.00
Total Payments		13,095.77	13,264.77
Surplus/Loss for year		-2,626.84	-3,138.68
Note 1: Fundraising:			
HMRC Gift aid		0.00	1,486.34
Alloa Half Marathon		500.00	750.00
Foundation Scotland EDF		3,364.03	500.00
Nebit Walk		286.00	
		4,150.03	3,426.34
Note 2: Subs from Sections:			
Beavers		827.60	462.40
Cubs		589.50	359.50
Scouts		1,240.00	511.00
		2,657.10	1,332.90
Note 3: Insurance			
Insurance		1,475.00	1,409.92
Maintenance		4,404.21	2,999.01
		5,879.21	4,408.93

Consolidated Receipts & Payments Beaver, Cub & Scout Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2026

	2025/2026	2024/2025
RECEIPTS		
Camps & outings	497.00	1,550.50
Capitation	1,405.00	1,713.00
Fundraising	87.60	176.23
Donations	30.00	25.00
Weekly subs	3,588.50	4,346.08
Weekly Activities	0.00	0.00
Uniform, badges & training	105.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	164.48	2.92
	5,877.58	7,813.73
PAYMENTS		
Uniform, badges & training	948.84	313.49
Camps & Outings	738.00	1,572.90
Capitation	1,488.00	2,678.80
Donations	30.00	50.00
Equipment	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	244.91	0.00
Weekly subs	2,557.10	1,202.30
Weekly Activities	673.36	860.92
Fund raising	56.00	125.00
	6,736.21	6,803.41
Surplus/Loss for year	-858.63	1,010.32

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF BALANCES

Year ended 31 March 2026

	2025/2026	2024/2025
Bank balances as at 1 April 2025:		
Group account	13,965.88	17,104.56
Group Cash in hand	0.00	10.00
Beaver account	493.91	265.74
Beaver Cash in hand	164.88	112.90
Cub account	917.61	717.53
Cubs Cash in hand	2.92	2.92
Scout account	944.14	404.05
Scout Cash in hand	0.00	
Surplus (Deficit) for the year Group	-2,626.84	-3,138.68
Surplus (Deficit) for the year Beavers	-256.12	270.15
Surplus (Deficit) for the year Cubs	-388.23	200.08
Surplus (Deficit) for the year Scouts	-214.28	540.09
Total assets at the end of the year	13,003.87	16,489.34

Represented by:

	2025/2026	2024/2025
Bank balance Group	11,339.04	13,965.88
Cash in hand Group account	0.00	0.00
Bank balance Beaver account	392.67	493.91
Cash in hand Beaver account	10.00	164.88
Bank balance Cub account	529.38	917.61
Cash in hand Cub account	2.92	2.92
Bank balance Scout account	729.86	944.14
Total	13,003.87	16,489.34

Other assets:

The Alva Scout Group owns the Scout Hall at Johnstone Park, Alva. The title deeds are held in safekeeping by Wilson & Jarvis Solicitors, 27 Mar Street, Alloa FK10 1HX.

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

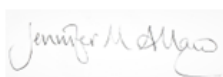
Liabilities:

The Alva Scout Group has no outstanding liabilities or contingent liabilities at the end of the financial year.

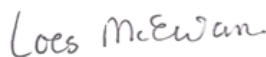
The notes form an integral part of these accounts.

Approved by Alva Scout Group on

and signed on its behalf by:



Jennifer Allan
Group Treasurer



Loes McEwan
Chairperson

1st Alva Scout Group (4th Clackmannanshire)
 Scottish Charity Number SCO035383

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

For the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 1st Alva Scout Group. I report on the financial statements of the 1st Alva Scout Group ("The Scout Group") for the year ended 31 March 2026

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Scout Group's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ("The Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 ("The Regulations"). The Scout Group's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) 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 Examiners

My examination is carried out in accordance with the Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by The Scout Group and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanation 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 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 the 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.

Full Name:	Martin Dunsmore		
Qualifications:	CPFA (Chartered Public Finance Accountant)		
Address:	60 Brookfield Place, Alva FK12 5AT		
Date:	15/06/2026	Signed	