

1st Avoch Sea Scouts

Scotland · Charity number SC039121

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Part of	Scouts Scotland (SC017511)
Registered	2007-12-31
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address Avoch Sea Scout Training and Community Centre
Old Mill Road
Avoch
Ross-Shire
IV9 8PS

Website www.avochseascouts.org.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development'

What the charity does: Scouting exists to provide a safe space and activities for young people aged 6 to 18. We currently host regular term time sessions for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers on a Friday evening together with activities during the holidays. The group is supported by around 30 adult volunteers.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people'

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

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Highland
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-30	£70,160	£49,028	-	0
2024-03-30	£27,052	£32,287	-	0
2023-03-30	£28,594	£30,038	-	0
2022-03-30	£48,828	£49,944	-	0
2021-03-30	£61,204	£29,911	-	0

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Trustees' Annual Report

31/3/24 to 31/3/25

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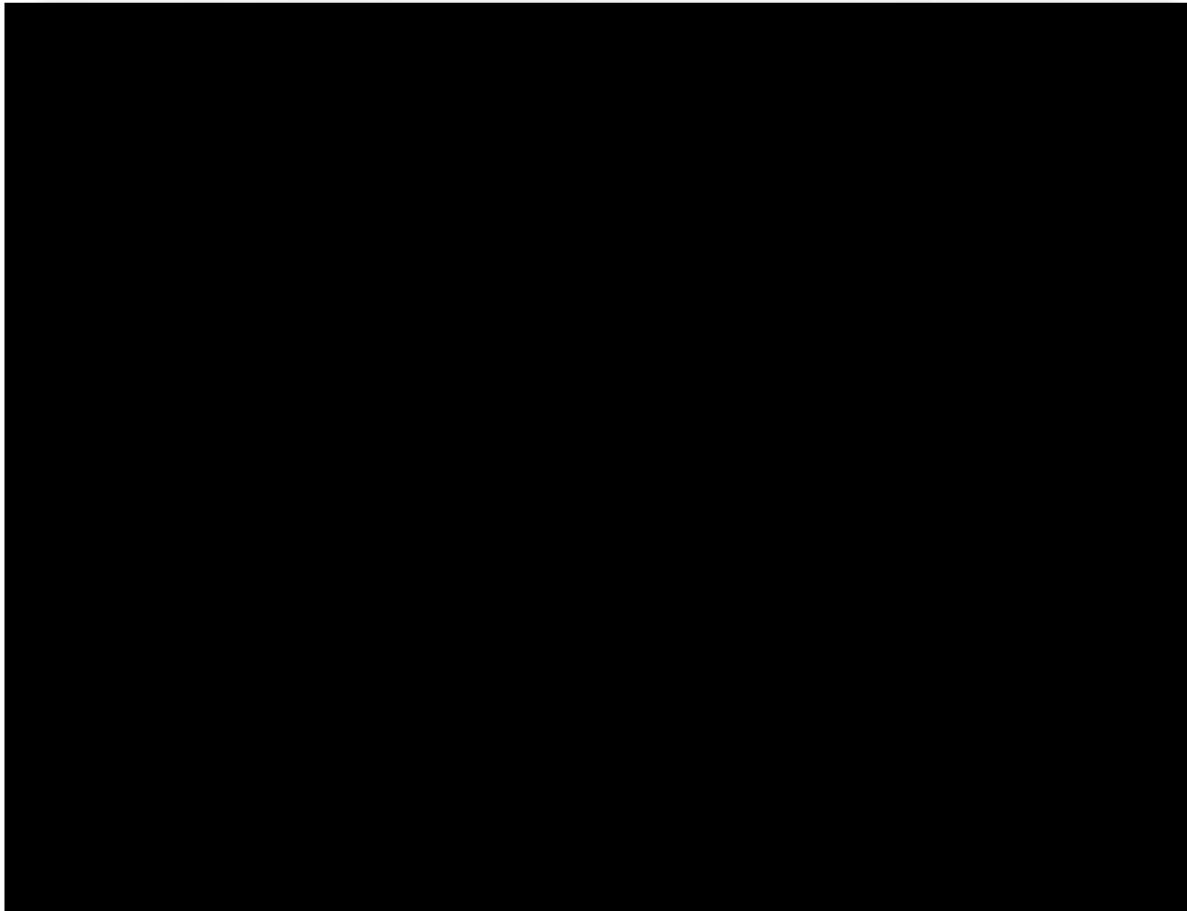
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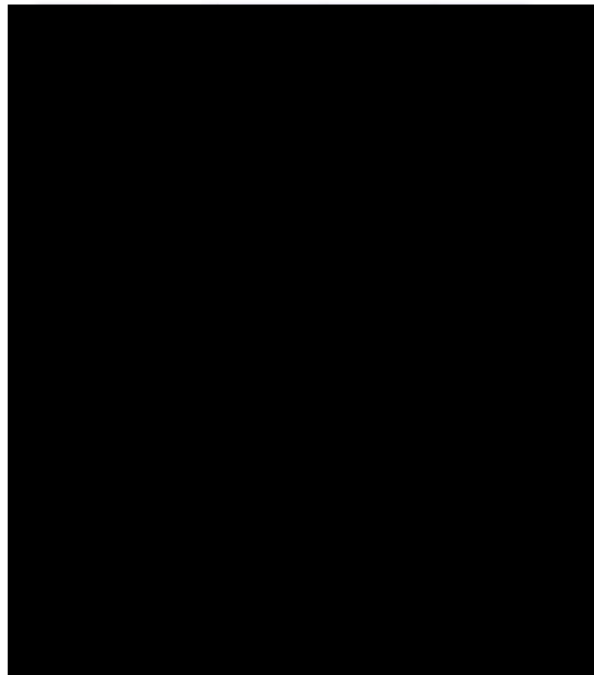
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- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
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- make and live by their promise.

Governance of The Scout Group

Constitution

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1st Avoch Sea Scouts are proud to be affiliated to the Royal Navy for our high standards of programme and safety.



Report from The Group Scout Leader

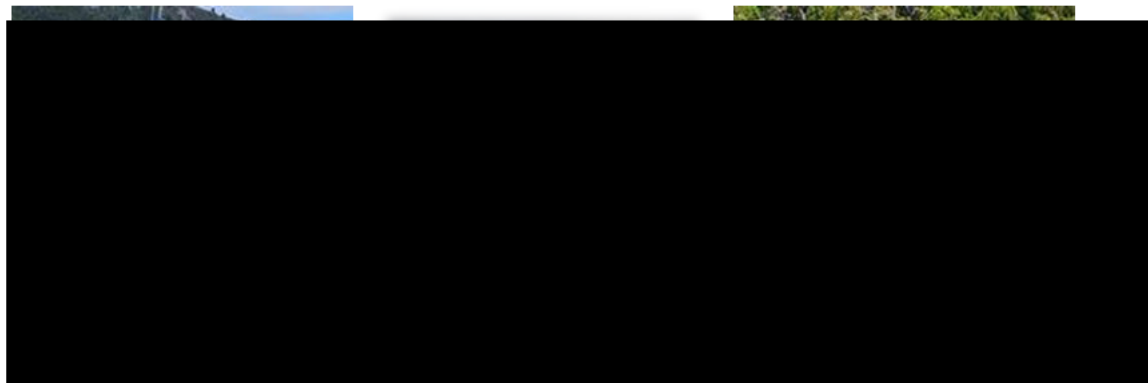
Overall, our numbers remain stable. Our numbers by section are:

- Beavers 19
- Cubs 15
- Sea Scouts 25
- Explorer Sea Scouts 11
- Our sections team has 7 leaders, with additional supporting adults numbering 26 from the Black Isle and beyond.
- Group Executive 5

The sea scout group continues to deliver a wide variety of nautical and land based activities for all its sections. Beavers and cubs have taken part in a variety of district camps and activities, and the sea scouts and explorers continue to support nautical activities at district and regional level.

We had representation at the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea and, despite the challenges of heat and poor facilities, made the most of the alternative programmes that were put in place.

We continue to work closely with 18th Inverness Sea Scouts and Forres Scout Group in the Caledonian Sea Scout Project, which delivers big boat training to scouts locally.

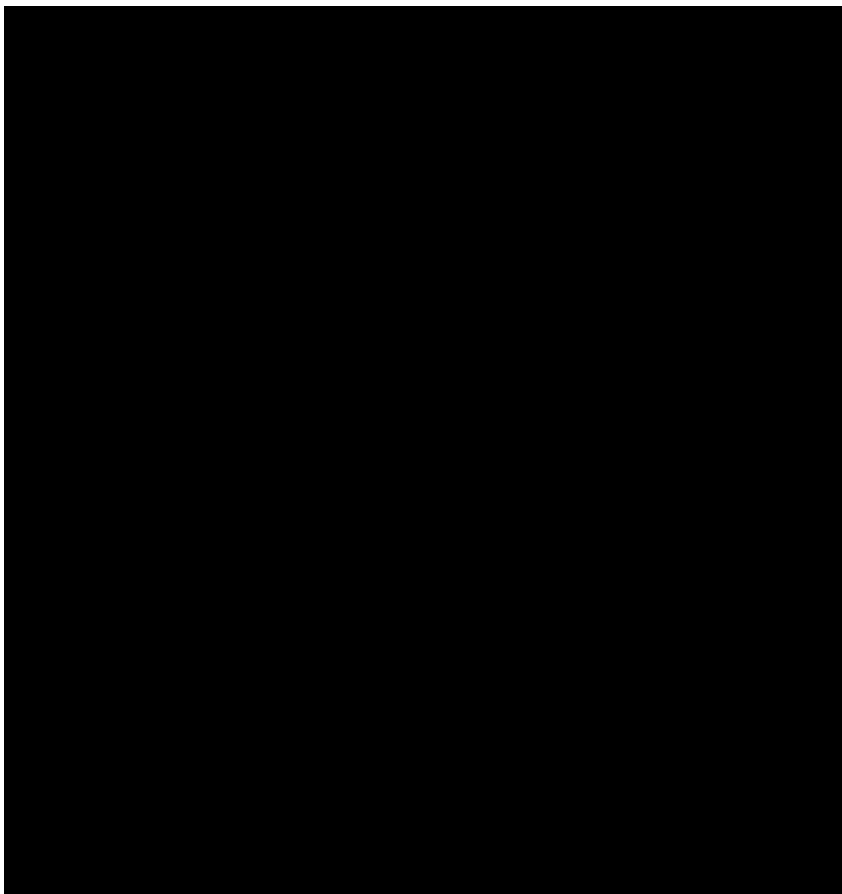


1st Avoch Sea Scouts continue to retain their Royal Navy Recognition and are one of only 3 such scout groups in Scotland. We are grateful

to the Royal Navy for their continued support in the provision of training.



Within the scout centre, we continue to offer community space; with funding sourced from The Highland Council, we continue to provide a mental health programme for scouting throughout the district.



Financial review

Opening Balance= £23,498.41

Income= £70,160.45

Expenditure= £49,028.96

Carried Forward= £44,854.89

The scout group continue to maintain a reserve of £20,000 to protect against unexpected expenses due to having a large centre and fleet of boats.

We are grateful to The Highland Council in providing £15,000 to support our mental health programme.

We remain conscious of the high energy costs for all, and are affected by changes in business electricity rates. We continue to claim rebates in water rates and are grateful for the charitable rebates on other rates administered by the local authority.

Subscriptions rates have remained at £35 a term per child and, where any family has faced financial hardship, there remains the provision for this fee to be waived, subject to the agreement of the group scout leader. There are increasing requests for fee waivers from families, and we continue to do our best to source funding to support hardship. Roughly 25% of membership fees are paid directly back to The Scout Association in relation to capitation costs.

Gift aid income amounted to £838.28.

Accounts prepared by the Treasurer, [REDACTED] and inspected by [REDACTED] former Manager of the Rosemarkie Beach Cafe. The accounts were signed off on 11th August 2025.

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees are therefore satisfied that the charity operated within their stated reserves policy in the period ending 31 March 2025 and will continue to do so for the forthcoming year. We note, however, the significant challenges around utility costs rising and must continue to be mindful of meeting the needs of all our young people.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Group Scout Leader

13/10/25

	2024-2025	2023-2024
Income		
Donation + Insurance	18,148.42	915.00
Events	180.00	1,017.00
Events - Beavers	1,495.00	0.00
Events - Cubs	590.00	0.00
Events - Explorers	100.00	0.00
Events - Scouts	485.00	0.00
Fundraising	669.01	782.90
Gift Aid	838.28	685.89
Grants	30,263.66	11,312.00
Rent	5,342.02	3,345.20
Subscriptions - all sections	7,169.73	6,066.43
Tuck Shop	4,879.33	2,928.52
Expense		
Activity Equipment	0.00	1,268.62
Admin	0.00	5,648.51
Badges	24.00	533.71
Boat Equipment	332.67	567.12
Boat Fuel	120.74	0.00
Bosun	6,168.08	0.00
Donation	1,141.29	0.00
Engineer - addi boat insurance	282.00	0.00
Engineer - boat maintenance	1,509.20	0.00
Engineer - mooring/crane out	561.30	0.00
Estates - building insurance	1,806.00	0.00
Estates - cleaning sundries	107.92	0.00
Estates - Electricity	3,935.35	0.00
Estates - Fire and Security	87.60	0.00
Estates - IT supplies & OSM	381.33	0.00
Estates - scheduled maintenanc	2,174.89	500.00
Estates - tuck shop purchases	3,117.31	0.00
Estates - uniform purchases	1,992.00	0.00
Estates- unplanned maint	5,535.33	0.00
Estates - van fuel	834.21	0.00
Estates - van ins, tax and MOT	940.93	0.00
Estates - Van maintenance	869.28	0.00
Estates - wifi & data protecti	780.23	0.00
Events	2,130.00	3,043.92
Events - Beavers	547.17	400.00
Events - Cubs	195.86	0.00
Events - Explorers	13.60	0.00
Events - Scouts	47.58	0.00
Fundraising	36.20	0.00
Insurance	4,750.00	1,561.51
MH Grant - mayday badges	397.20	0.00

MH Grant - MH resources	1,500.78	0.00
MH Grant - relief work	864.38	0.00
MH Grant - snacks	264.93	0.00
Sections - 20th year celebrati	784.03	0.00
Sections - all grp activ/cater	21.00	0.00
Sections - all section badges	478.18	0.00
Sections - beaver activity	148.32	0.00
Sections - capitation	3,519.00	0.00
Sections - cub activities	203.17	0.00
Sections - scout activity	80.80	0.00
Training	204.39	637.61
Tuck Shop	0.00	1,205.38
Uniforms	0.00	1,140.00
Utilities	0.00	7,016.79
Van	140.71	2,132.04
Van Fuel	0.00	1,017.29
Venue Maintenance	0.00	5,614.67

Account balances

Bank of Scotland	44,790.18	23,498.41
Expense Account	64.71	0.00

Summary

Account balance brought forward	23,498.41	28,732.64
Total income	70,160.45	27,052.94
Total expenditure	49,028.96	32,287.17
Net income	21,131.49	-5,234.23
Account balance carried forward	44,854.89	23,498.41

Accounts Prepared By

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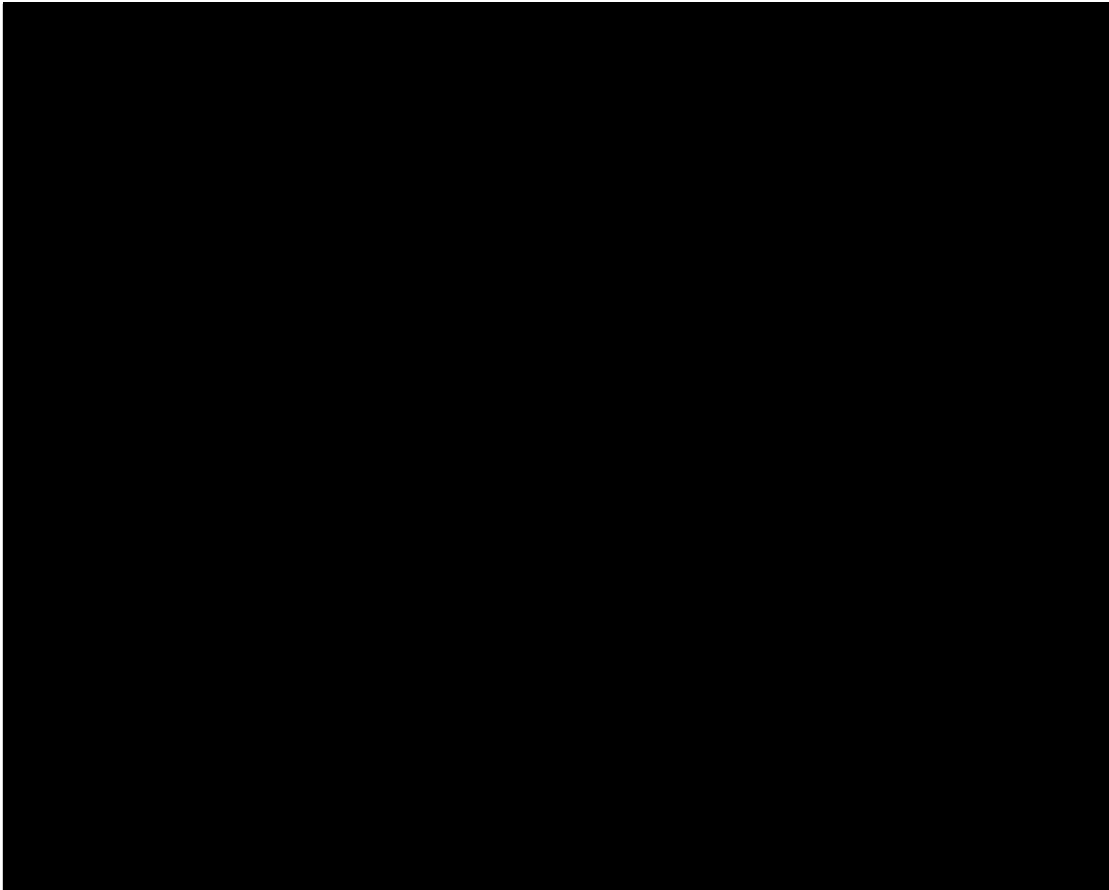
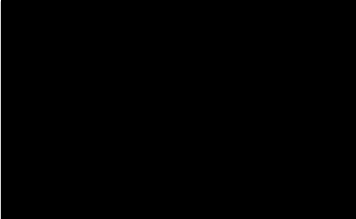
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As restrictions began to ease throughout the pandemic, scouting was able to resume in a more normal fashion. Mobilising the fleet was a priority to give our sea scouts opportunities to get afloat. We have delivered a mixture of small and big boat activities with awards in canoeing, powerboating, nautical skills and other land based awards.



Yacht Freebyrd and Cruiser Scout About are now in regular use. Our day sailing vessel Lomond has been recommissioned.

Extensive updates to leader training have been undertaken with all leaders and instructors qualified in first aid.

The cub section has now moved to their own timeslot and are well supported with an active programme. The sea scouts are undertaking a wider range of activities on land and sea. A number of explorers are undertaking young leadership roles in the other sections and even other scout groups.

It is pleasing to report that we have seen steady growth in cubs, sea scouts and explorers throughout the year. Our next goal will be to try to introduce beaver scouts to the group.

The decision to refresh our uniforms was very successful and the whole ship's company look splendid.

I am grateful to the group executive and leadership team for their continued support of our young people as they strive towards excellence.

Financial review

Income= £48,827.65

Expenditure= £46,370.84

Surplus= **£2,456.81**

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees hold sufficient reserves such that the charity is able to continue to meet its objectives for the foreseeable future and meet any unexpected expenditure as it arises.

The trustees consider that a reserve equal to one year's costs is appropriate. The costs for the year (for the building and assets) were £15,433.89 and there is an unrestricted reserve to carry forward of £30,176.31.

The trustees are therefore satisfied that the charity operated within their stated reserves policy in the period ending 31 March 2021 and will continue to do so for the forthcoming year. It is noted, however, at the time of this report to the AGM that the cost-of-living crisis is highly likely to have a significant impact on finances going forward.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Group Scout Leader

27/9/22

UNIT NAME		1st Avoch Sea Scouts					NUMBER	46677			
RECEIPTS SHEET FOR THE PERIOD FROM		1st April 2021					TO				
DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT RECEIVED					Charitable Income			Hall Income	Tuck
		Banked	Bank transfer in	Subscriptions	Fundraising	Camp/ Extra activi	Donations	Grants	Gift Aid		
01/04/2021	Mens Shed		0.01							0.01	
07/04/2021	Highland Council Nursery Rent		7,500.00							7,500.00	
19/04/2021	Highland Council Recovery Grant		13,000.00					13,000.00			
04/05/2021	Mens Shed		0.01							0.01	
07/05/2021	Subs		30.00	30.00							
13/05/2021	Subs		30.00	30.00							
14/05/2021	Subs		90.00	90.00							
14/05/2021	Subs		30.00	30.00							
17/05/2021	Subs		160.00	160.00							
17/05/2021	Cruiser Reimbursement - Inverness Scouts		810.52			810.52					
17/05/2021	Subs		150.00	150.00							
19/05/2021	Subs		29.47	29.47							
01/06/2021	Subs		90.00	90.00							
01/06/2021	Mens Shed		0.01							0.01	
16/06/2021	Subs		29.47	29.47							
28/06/2021	Subs		30.00	30.00							
28/06/2021	Subs		30.00	30.00							
28/06/2021	Subs		30.00	30.00							
28/06/2021	Subs		90.00	90.00							
01/07/2021	Mens Shed		0.01							0.01	
13/07/2021	Highland Council - Electricity Usage		1,724.00							1,724.00	
02/08/2021	Mens Shed		0.01							0.01	
11/08/2021	Highland Council - Nursery Rental		7,500.00							7,500.00	
13/08/2021	District Scout Summer Grant		2,000.00					2,000.00			
01/09/2021	Mens Shed		0.01							0.01	
06/09/2021	Subs		30.00	30.00							
06/09/2021	Highland Council - Covid Food		500.00					500.00			
06/09/2021	Subs		30.00	30.00							
10/09/2021	Subs		30.00	30.00							
13/09/2021	Subs		30.00	30.00							
13/09/2021	Subs		60.00	60.00							
13/09/2021	Subs		90.00	90.00							
13/09/2021	?? 200 paid into bank assume subs		200.00	200.00							
13/09/2021	Subs		30.00	30.00							
15/09/2021	Slimming World		240.00							240.00	
17/09/2021	Subs		30.00	30.00							
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20/09/2021	Subs		30.00	30.00							
23/09/2021	Highland Council		100.00					100.00			
24/09/2021	Subs		30.00	30.00							
27/09/2021	Subs		90.00	90.00							

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01/10/2021	Black Isle Mens Shed		0.01							0.01	
04/10/2021	Subs		30.00	30.00							
08/10/2021	Subs		30.00	30.00							
08/10/2021	Scottish Power Reimbursement		896.89							896.89	
08/10/2021	Subs		30.00	30.00							
22/10/2021	Slimming World		240.00							240.00	
27/10/2021	Highland Council		409.20							409.20	
29-Oct-21	Subs		120.00	120.00							
01-Nov-21	Black Isle Mens Shed		0.01							0.01	
01-Nov-21	Subs		120.00	120.00							
01-Nov-21	Subs		163.00	163.00							
19-Nov-22	Subs		30.00	30.00							
24-Nov-22	Subs		30.00	30.00							
26-Nov-21	Subs		30.00	30.00							
29-Nov-21	Subs		30.00	30.00							
01-Dec-21	Black Isle Mens Shed		0.01							0.01	
03-Dec-21	Subs		30.00	30.00							
06-Dec-21	Subs		30.00	30.00							
08-Dec-21	Highland Council		7,315.00							7,315.00	
09-Dec-21	Slimming World		240.00							240.00	
10-Dec-21	Subs		30.00	30.00							
10-Dec-21	Subs		30.00	30.00							
04-Jan-22	Black Isle Mens Shed		0.01							0.01	
13-Jan-22	Black Isle Mens Shed		500.00							500.00	
14-Jan-22	Subs		60.00	60.00							
18-Jan-22	Subs		30.00	30.00							
19-Jan-22	Yoga		180.00							180.00	
21-Jan-22	Subs		90.00	90.00							
21-Jan-22	Subs		30.00	30.00							
25-Jan-22	Subs		30.00	30.00							
26-Jan-22	Subs		30.00	30.00							
28-Jan-22	Subs 4 x 30		120.00	120.00							
28-Jan-22	Subs		90.00	90.00							
28th Jan 22	Subs 3 x 30		90.00	90.00							
31-Jan-22	Subs		120.00	120.00							
31-Jan-22	Subs		60.00	60.00							
31-Jan-22	Subs 2 x 90		180.00	180.00							
01-Feb-22	Black Isle Mens Shed		0.01							0.01	
02-Feb-22	Black Isle Mens Shed		99.99							99.99	
14-Feb-22	Subs		30.00	30.00							
15-Feb-22	Subs		260.00	260.00							
15-Feb-22	Subs		210.00	210.00							

SEA SCOUTS	1st Avoch Sea Scouts	SCO	39121
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Previous Period	RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT	FOR THE PERIOD FROM	01-Apr-21	March 22
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INCOME			
Subscriptions			3,781.94
Fundraising			0.00
Activities & Events (Camps/Extra activities)			810.52
Charitable Income			
Donations	0.00		
Grants	17,140.00		
Gift aid	0.00		
			17,140.00
Hall Income			27,095.19
Tuck			0.00
0	Total Receipts		48,827.65

OUTGOINGS			
Van			16,871.96
Fuel			623.13
Insurance			1,695.71
Activities			0.00
Camp			1,268.68
Boats			2,075.71
Tuck			0.00
Uniform			5,130.90
Building Expenses			13,758.07
Capitation			1,193.50
Cruiser			1,893.88
Phone & Broadband			852.69
Other General Costs			1,006.61
0	Total Payments		46,370.84
0	Surplus (Deficit) for the Period	0.00	2,456.81

STATEMENT OF BALANCES			
Opening Balances		Unpresented Cheques	
Bank	01/04/2021	31,292.76	from last year
Cash		0.00	carried over
0		31,292.76	
Closing Balances			
Bank		30,176.31	
Cash			
0		30,176.31	30,176.31
In addition to the above balances the unit has other assets to the value of			
being.....			

Prepared By (signature)..... 13th July 2022
(print name)..... Treasurer

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Prepared By (signature).....		13th July 2022			
(print name).....		T Treasurer			

SEA SCOUTS 1st Avoch Sea Scouts SCO 39121

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01-Apr-21 TO 31-Mar-22

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION CERTIFICATE

I have examined the Trustees' Report, the Units Accounting records, and the Receipts & Payments Account and Statement of Balances that are attached as part of this document.

To the best of my knowledge & belief, and in accordance with the information & explanations given to me :

- a) The Unit is eligible under The Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 to choose to have an independent examination instead of an audit.
- b) The Receipts & Payments Account and Statement of Balances have been properly prepared from the records of the Unit and are in agreement with them.
- c) The Receipts & Payments Account & Statement of Balances comply with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and with the Unit's effective Constitution.

Signed .. [Redacted]

Dated 13/7/22

Name.. [Redacted]

Qualification..... MSc Forensic Science