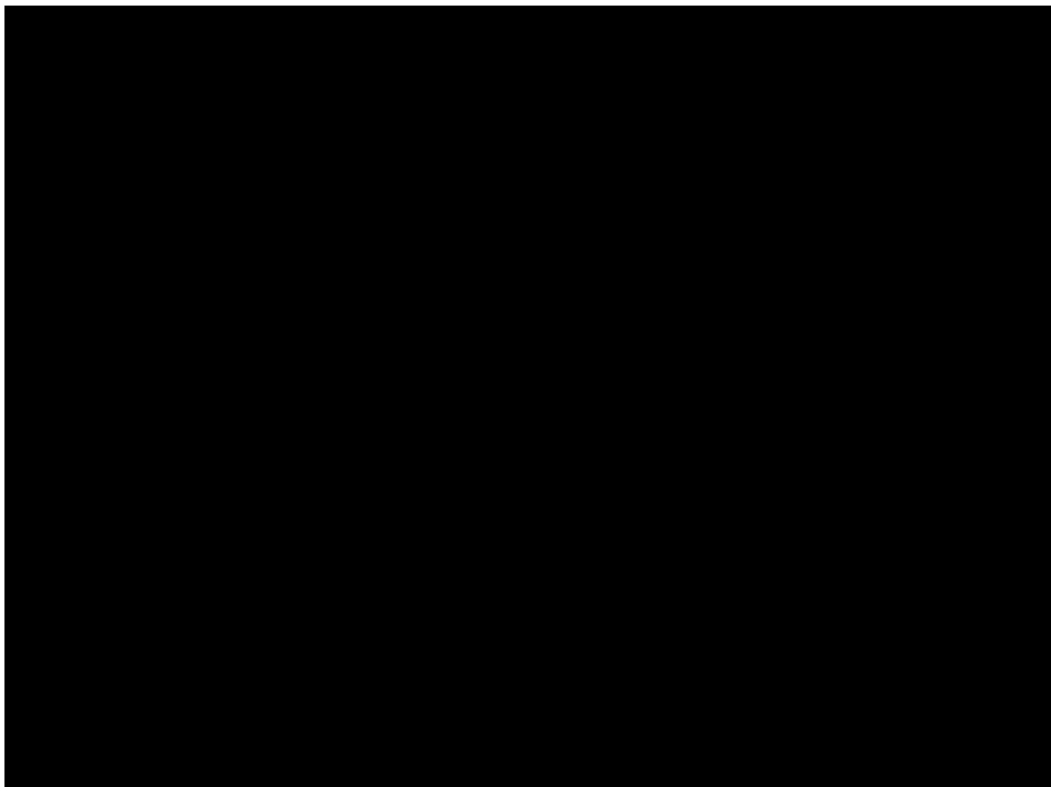


**19th Pentland Scout Group  
Scottish Charity Number: SC043764**

**Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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## **Recruitment and appointment of Trustees**

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

## **Governing Document**

The Group's governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Scout Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. The Group is a charitable unincorporated association and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution.

## **Trustee Recruitment and Appointment**

Trustees are appointed annually at the group AGM from the parents and leaders.

## **Charitable purposes**

The objectives of the Group are as a unit of the Scout Association. The aim 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 Scout Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

## **Activities and achievements**

The Group operates a Squirrel Drey, Beaver Colony, Cub Pack and Scout Troop. All sections ran a range of activities during the year, covering all aspects of the scouting 'balanced programme'. The main activities and achievements of the Group in the year are described on the following pages.

## **Reserves**

The Group's constitution requires the Trustees to maintain and manage a reserves policy for the Group (including a plan for use of reserves outside of the minimum). Total reserves of £6,495.89 were available for general use by the Group at the end of the year. These funds are held in the Group's bank accounts. There are no outstanding payments.

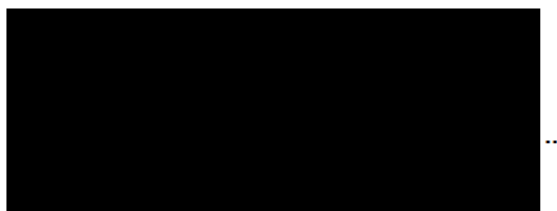
## **Funds**

All the Group's funds are unrestricted. The Group showed a deficit of -£8,481.14 for the year. The deficit reflects expenditure of money raised for the Scout trip to Kandersteg, Switzerland in July 2024 which was carried forward as a surplus from the previous financial year.

## **Trustee remuneration and expenses**

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

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

Date: 24 December 2025

19<sup>th</sup> Pentland Scout Group  
Independent Examiner's Report  
Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 19<sup>th</sup> Pentland Scout Group**

I report on the financial statements of the 19<sup>th</sup> Pentland Scout Group ('the Group') for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 which are set out on the following pages.

**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 ('the Regulations'). The Group's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1)(d) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44 (1) (d) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with the Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent Examiner's Report**

In connection with my examination, no matter had 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.

Date... 22/12/25



A photograph of a forest with tall, thin trees and sunlight filtering through the canopy, creating a warm, golden glow.

MAY 2025

# 19<sup>TH</sup> PENTLAND SCOUT GROUP REPORT

## Introduction from our Group Lead Volunteer

JON HABER, GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER

Dear Parents, Carers and Supporters of 19<sup>th</sup> Pentland Scout Group

This year's AGM is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May and we have had a great year to report back on and each Section is doing well. We are one of the first groups in Pentland District to start a Squirrel Drey, which is now full. Cubs and Scouts have great numbers too but our Beavers need a few new ones! Some of the activities and events each of the sections put on have been inspired!

The Squirrel Leader team has gained two new Leaders, Cubs have one new Leader and Scouts one. Many thanks to [REDACTED] for volunteering!

Our long serving Scout Leader, [REDACTED] moved on to a District Young Leaders team role and another Scout Leader team member moved away. The Scout Team Leaders, [REDACTED] are now sharing the role with a great deal of success.

[REDACTED]

The Scout Group relies on volunteers, so if you can spare some time to help out at some of our events or with fundraising, please get in touch!

# SQUIRREL SECTION

## Welcome to our newest Section

In the Autumn Term of 2024 we opened our newest section, Squirrel Scouts. Squirrels is open to boys and girls aged 4-6 and we meet in St Michael's Hall on a Friday evening from 5pm. We started with 6 Squirrels and 3 adult volunteers and we have grown steadily to 12 Squirrels and 4 adult volunteers and 2 Young Leaders.

We have worked on the squirrel activity and challenge badges with some really exciting sessions lead by our volunteers. In the Autumn and Winter Terms we made the most of the warm hall with activities including, drumming with [REDACTED] our YL, First Aid with [REDACTED] one of our Volunteers who is a GP, and camp fire songs with [REDACTED] and scrap modelling.





We continued with our adventures in the Spring and Summer terms and have been trying to get outside more doing activities in the church garden and Harrison Park. We went on a glow hike, built dens for little teddies and learnt how to put up tents.

We also welcomed more Squirrels to the Drey and officially invested [REDACTED] as a volunteer.

Opening a new section, with a new age group was quite daunting but we are all learning together how fearless and intrepid the Squirrels can be!

Thank you to the Volunteer Team: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

# BEAVER SECTION

## A year of new adventures

Our Beaver section continues to gradually recover numbers but we still have some way to go to get to our pre-Covid number of 24 Beavers.

We currently have 12 Beavers, 2 Young Leaders and 5 active adult volunteers. If you know any young people aged 6-8 who would like to join please put them in contact with the Beaver Team.

Since last year's AGM we had an exciting joint camp at Bonaly with 98<sup>th</sup> Pentland group. We stayed in Kens Den which is perfect for the Beavers as it offers a purpose built space for younger members of scouts to enjoy their first taste of camping.

We invested our new adult volunteers [REDACTED] We learnt about rockets from [REDACTED] prepared for Remembrance Day and went on lots of hikes.



After the Christmas holidays the Beavers got to work on planning for their Explore badge. They choose an adventurous outing to the Riverside Museum in Glasgow including travel by train and underground. At Haymarket Station the Scotrail staff taught us about how to stay safe on the railways and we learnt all about how busy the station is.

We also made use of the amazing talents we have in our adult volunteers when we did our digital maker badge lead by Niamh. Niamh brought in some robots and we learnt about programming and control using the robots, and scratch software.

As the evenings have been getting lighter we have been outside working on our directions, map making and compass skills, litter picking and hiking up hills.

Thank you to our volunteer team

# CUB SECTION

There are 28 Cubs in the pack at the moment with 4 team leaders and 1 team member.

We have managed to have another busy year.

This year we have split our time between Tynecastle Stadium and St Michaels Church. A huge thank you to Heart of Midlothian Football Club for allowing us to use this space.

## Since our last AGM we have:-

In June we had our usual litter pick at Saughton Park, helping the friends of Saughton Park to tidy up.

Our end of term outing was a trip to The Museum of Flight to work on our air activities badge.

In July we had a small pack camp for those Cubs who missed out on the cancelled District Camp who weren't away on their summer holidays.

In August we had our sausage sizzle at Bonaly to work on our backwoods cooking badge.

In September we went to Longcraig Scout Water Activity Centre for sailing and kayaking.

In October we went to see the Scotland U21s play Belgium at Tynecastle. Unfortunately they lost!

In November we had an early Christmas outing to Gravity, Fountainpark.

In December we had a tour of The Scottish Parliament, supported by a Lothian MSP, as part of our local knowledge badge and we attended the St Michaels Christmas carol service.

In February we were at World of Bowling.

March saw us back at Bonaly for some outdoor activities.

Our end of term outing this year is a trip by train to the Scottish Seabird Centre in North Berwick.

Three of our Cubs achieved the Chief Scout Silver Award, the top Cub badge, this year. Well done to [REDACTED]

I would like to thanks our team leaders - [REDACTED] and the parent helpers for all their help over the year. Without them we couldn't have achieved so much.

# SCOUT SECTION

## A year in Scouting

This past year has been an incredible journey for our scout group, we have some amazing highlights to share! Last summer (2024) was particularly memorable, as our scouts had an incredible adventure at Kandersteg International Scout Centre. The experience was filled with laughter, learning, and a bit of mischief, creating fantastic memories that will be cherished by all. Other highlights include Adventure Camp 24, which presented opportunities for outdoor adventures, teamwork, and resilience. Furthermore, events such as the Canal Festival, Night Hikes, and various practical sessions including kayaking and paddleboarding, backwoods cooking, engineering and STEM based challenges.

We also experienced some changes in our leadership team. [REDACTED] who has been a fantastic Scout Team Leader for three years (following two years as a Cub Section Assistant), is off on a new adventure as the District Explorer Young Leader Unit Leader. We have thanked [REDACTED] for her dedicated service and the many moments of fun she brought to our group. Additionally, we said goodbye to [REDACTED] who moved out of the Pentland district and is now scouting in Kelso. Both of them have left a big mark on our scouting community. The role of Scout Team Leader has been taken over by [REDACTED] who are working with the team to deliver adventure, fun, and, skills for life, and we have welcomed [REDACTED] to the Scout section team as a team member



Our past year's programme has encompassed a variety of themes that contributed to the development and engagement of the Scouts. Key topics included teamwork, preparation for camps and hikes, as well as a focus on skill-building activities such as cooking, navigation, and, cycling. Meetings were also dedicated to promoting Scouting, discussing upcoming events, and fostering leadership through team leadership and planning forum sessions – helping to keep the section firmly Youth Lead. Additionally, several events were planned to enhance community outreach and environmental awareness.

Looking at the stats it was truly an incredible year;

- 4 Chief Scout Awards awarded – these are the highest award available in the Scout section and a great testament to the Scouts involved – with many more on the way
- 220 total badges
- 17 nights away have been offered.
- We have 24 scouts (which is our maximum capacity)
  - o 4 x 10 yrs
  - o 7 x 11 yrs
  - o 6 x 12 yrs
  - o 7 x 13 yrs

Looking to the future, we've got exciting plans on the horizon, and new ways for our scouts to develop valuable skills through our engaging programme focused on Skills for Life. Plus, we'll be kicking off more fundraising activities to support our adventures.

The section's spirit remains strong, and the enthusiasm from our volunteers keeps our group vibrant.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our scouts for their energy and joy, which makes our work so rewarding as leaders. Lastly, thank you to the parents for your unwavering support and to all the behind-the-scenes volunteers who keep our group running. Here's to another adventurous year ahead in scouting!

# GROUP FINANCE REPORT



## 19th Pentland Scout Group

### Annual Accounts to 31 March 2025

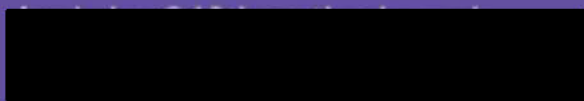
	2024-2025	2023-2024
<b>Income</b>		
Donation	1,316.80	305.2
Events - Beavers	730	784
Events - Cubs	1,513.00	781.96
Events - Scouts	8,747.48	9,168.50
Fundraising	5,653.64	11,213.97
Membership Fees	9,312.50	8,598.40
Neckerchiefs	196.75	173.6
Rent	0	500
<b>Expense</b>		
Activity Equipment	98.37	0
Admin	31.32	0
Badges	750.89	299.45
Camping Equipment	39.98	0
Events - Beavers	732.17	870.77
Events - Cubs	2,164.10	1,184.59
Events - Scouts	20,055.02	8,464.07
Fundraising transfer	927.6	2,000.00
Insurance	218	52
Meetings - Beavers	110.81	38.5

# GROUP FINANCE REPORT

Annual Accounts (cont)		
	2024-2025	2023-2024
Meetings - Cubs	8.74	17.99
Meetings - Scouts	595.34	539.71
Meetings - Squirrels	153.15	0
Membership Costs	8,200.00	5,971.20
Neckerchiefs	454.45	146.8
OSM	88	0
Rent	1,323.37	1,465.25
<b>Account balances</b>		
19th Pentland Beaver Colony	1,394.26	1,506.64
19th Pentland Scout Troop	2,029.36	8,973.89
19th Pentland Cub Pack	1,239.39	1,617.91
19th Pentland Scout Group	1,832.88	2,878.59
<b>Summary</b>		
Account balance brought forward	14,977.03	4,501.73
Total income	27,470.17	31,525.63
Total expenditure	35,951.31	21,050.33
Net income	-8,481.14	10,475.30
Account balance carried forward	6,495.89	14,977.03

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