

# 35<sup>th</sup> Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group

A Registered Scottish Charity No SC032888



## Annual Report and Financial Statements 2023-24



**35<sup>th</sup> Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group**  
**Minutes of 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**30<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Present**

Gillian Caldwell (Group Scout Leader), Karen Imrie (Deputy Group Scout Leader), Theresa McGrattan (Group Chair), Stephen Parker (Group Treasurer), Marion Rankin (Regional Commissioner), Stuart Imrie (District Chair), 7 Leaders and 46 Parents.

**Welcome**

Theresa McGrattan welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked them for their attendance. In particular, she welcomed Regional Commissioner - Marion Rankin and District Chair - Stuart Imrie.

**Apologies**

Alasdair Keane (Pegasus Explorer Scout Leader) and Deborah Reid (Group Secretary).

**Minutes**

The minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated prior to the meeting, as part of the annual report. The meeting was asked to note that the date on the circulated copy was 24 January 2022 but that it should have been 24 November 2022. The minutes had been previously reviewed by the Trustee Board and so Theresa proposed that they were taken as read, with the aforementioned change, and asked the Group Scout Council to agree they were a true record of that meeting. **Seconded by Kari Gillies and approved by a show of hands.**

**Governance of the Charity**

1. In line with the recommendation from Scouts Scotland, the Chair proposed that the Council should adopt the model constitution from Chapter 5 of the Scottish Variations from Policy, Organisation and Rules. A copy of this had been circulated for review and inspection prior to the meeting. **Seconded by Gary Bainbridge and approved by a show of hands.**
2. Members of the Group Scout Council were asked to note that the Group is registered with OSCR as a Scottish Charity (No SC032888) and that our charity's financial year was **1st September to 31st August.**
3. Theresa explained that the Group Scout Council must agree at its AGM the number of people that can be elected to the Trustee Board. The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board was that 3 people could be elected. Theresa proposed that the Group Scout Council approved the recommendation. **Seconded by Stephen Parker and approved by a show of hands.**
4. The Group Scout Council must agree at its AGM on the quorum (minimum number) of Group Scout Council members that must be present at a meeting of the Group Scout Council (AGM or EGM). The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board was that the quorum should be set at 12 persons. The Group Scout Council was asked to approve that recommendation. **Seconded by Amy Miller and approved by a show of hands.**
5. The Group Scout Council must agree at its AGM on the quorum for Trustee Board meetings. The Charity Commission's statement of good practice states that a Trustee Board quorum should be set at one third of Trustee Board members plus one. The recommendation from the outgoing Trustee Board was that the quorum should be set according to the Charity Commission good practice statement. The Group Scout Council was asked to approve that recommendation. **Seconded by Gary Bainbridge and approved by a show of hands.**

**Review of Scouting in 2022-23**

Attention was drawn to the written copies of reports from Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, that had been emailed to everyone earlier.

Gillian Caldwell highlighted that the Beavers had been extremely busy with a wide range of programmes, taking part in outings and having a fabulous camp at Lapwing Lodge. One of the highlights for the Beavers was undoubtedly the visit from the fire service, when everyone had an opportunity to fire water from the hose. The Cubs also had a great camp at Lapwing Lodge and enjoyed visits to Clip n Climb, the Harlequin Pantomime

and Glasgow Gurdwara. The Scouts got back to camp for the first time since 2020, which made a huge difference to their work towards the Outdoor Challenge and other badges. They had some fun nights in the hall but also enjoyed a trip to Clip n Climb and another to East Kilbride, for a water sports night. The Explorers – age 14-18 – are part of the Pegasus unit, shared with the 145<sup>th</sup> Glasgow Scout Group. They too had a very active year which included various DofE expeditions, a visit to Alton Towers, learning about homelessness and sleeping out in survival bags plus a varied programme in and out of hall. Highlights for them were two international opportunities – an Explorer Belt expedition on Vancouver Island and some members attending the World Scout Jamboree in Korea.

As a Group, the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts achieved 26 top awards and Gillian congratulated them on their hard work supported by the dedication of our adult volunteers. She noted that having sufficient volunteers was always a challenge - Duncan Swan had stepped down as Scout Leader in June and we subsequently welcomed Stuart Grimes to the team. Over the year we also bade farewell to Sheila Fudge, Alison Carse and Chris Keenan from the Cub team which meant they were now short of adults. Gillian asked parents to pass on the names of anyone they knew who might be willing to assist at Cubs.

She finished by thanking all the young people and parents for their enthusiasm, all our Trustees who ensured we operated correctly as a charity and also all our Leaders who gave up their time week on week, to ensure that the young people achieved so much and had fun.

### **Annual Report of the Trustee Board, including the Statement of Accounts 2022-23**

Theresa explained that the Group Trustee Board had approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts and that the report on the accounts has been received from the Independent Examiner. This information had been circulated in advance.

She asked Stephen Parker, the Group Treasurer, to give his explanation of the Statement of Accounts. Stephen reported that the Group was in a healthy state financially and noted that there had been a higher expenditure on activities in 2022-23, which was great for all the young people. He noted the closing balance of just under £8,000.00. Stephen thanked the parents for using our online payments system via OSM, which cut down on a huge amount of admin. He also thanked Allan Gibson, our Independent Examiner, for his support and analysis of the accounts.

Theresa thanked Stephen and invited questions from the floor regarding the Trustee Annual Report and the Annual Accounts. There were none. Theresa also thanked everyone who had signed a Gift Aid Declaration, as it made a huge difference to our finances and hence to the opportunities for young people.

### **Appointment of Trustees for 2023-24**

Theresa noted to the Group Scout Council members present that this part of the meeting would set the charity up to be well-led during the period until the next AGM.

Theresa nominated Stephen Parker as a member of the Group Scout Council, which was **approved by a show of hands**.

She handed the chair over to Gillian - Gillian nominated **Theresa McGrattan** as Group Chair for the year 2023-24 and this was endorsed by a round of applause. Theresa resumed her role thereafter.

Theresa indicated that **Deborah Reid** had been proposed and seconded for election as Group Secretary. As there had been no other nominations, Deborah's election was **approved by a show of hands**.

Theresa indicated that **Stephen Parker** had been proposed and seconded for election as Group Treasurer. As there had been no other nominations, Stephen's election was **approved by a show of hands**.

Theresa indicated that **Kari Gillies, Iain Jamieson and Ker Wei Chong** has been proposed and seconded for election as Trustees. This was **approved by a show of hands**.

In addition, Gillian was entitled to nominate a further three Trustees. Gillian nominated **Suzanne Cotton, Stuart Smith and Matthew Paton**.

Stephen Parker proposed that **Allan Gibson** be re-appointed as the Independent Examiner for our Accounts in 2023-24. This was **seconded by Theresa McGrattan and approved by a show of hands**.

### **Close**

Theresa thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.



# BEAVERS

This has been a busy year, with our young people achieving a total of 264 badges! Here is how we did it...

Seven new Beavers joined us at the start of the year and our new lodge leaders wasted no time helping them get involved, through teaching them new games, helping them learn about what being a Beaver means and about our involvement within the Scout movement.



Our first few evenings involved working on our Membership and Teamwork badges. We were playing games, making friends and learning the Promise, and all seven Beavers were invested into the Colony in September. The next few evenings were spent outdoors, playing on the activity trail, and competing in team games. Then the Beavers enjoyed a night of construction, using lego and K'nex.

At the end of September, we were very lucky to have visitors, one of our parents came to teach us all about first aid and what to do in an emergency, and we also had a visit from our Explorer Scouts who came to teach us all about children's rights to help us achieve our Rights Challenge badge.



We spent October being creative, using our imagination to create different types of machines that would help save the planet and we looked at the global issue of pollution and talked about how to live in a way that would help the environment. We learnt about recycling and played games to help us understand the different types of recycling there are. We also had a night out at Bellahouston, having fun tubing on the ski slopes.

In November we held our very successful AGM, where we celebrated St Andrew's Day. Parents and children worked together to complete simple challenges and play games. It was a lovey way for parents to meet each other and to learn more about what the children do at Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. We finished the year with a Christmas party in the hall, when we ate lots of pizza!



In January, we were learning about the stars and the planets. We looked at the constellations and made different planet crafts. We celebrated Burns night by playing lots of traditional Scottish games which contributed to our Thistle Award. In February we had a Japanese night, made cars out of oranges, Valentine's celebration and learned about Founder's Day. We celebrated Red Nose Day in March and learned about helping people less fortunate than ourselves, before finishing the term with a visit to Rouken Glen Pottery.







Our summer camp this year was held at Auchengillan and this time we joined the Cubs and the Scouts. This is always the highlight of the year and the Beavers really enjoyed taking part in water zorbing, caving and indoor climbing, helping them to achieve the Adventure and Outdoor Challenges. The whole group got together to sing around a campfire and the Beavers learned how to cook their own lunch.



Throughout May we made the most of the good weather and spent nights outdoors, learning about nature. Towards the end of May we were joined by lots of parents to complete the Cyclist activity badge.

At the end of the year we said goodbye to four Beavers who moved to Cubs, all having achieved the Chief Scout's Bronze Award.

We would like to thank Gemma, Kai and Euan, our Young Leaders, for providing support and for their enthusiasm every week, and a special thanks to Gillian and Karen, our Group Scout Leader and Deputy Group Scout Leader, for everything they do for us.

**Amy, Jade, Laura and Catriona**

**BEAVER LEADERSHIP TEAM**







To kick off the new session, the Cubs took part in some team building and problem-solving activities to work towards both their World Challenge and Skills Challenge badges to welcome the newest members of the Pack into their Sixes. The floor was lava and they had to turn themselves inside out to solve some brain busting challenges, but they worked together as a team and worked through every problem together.



A really important aspect of Cubs is that it's intended to allow us to work with young people and do things they find engaging, so this year we made sure to hold Pack forums. This is where the Cubs tell us what they think is Cool, Uncool and Really Uncool when it comes to game, badges and activities. We got some great ideas from them that we were able to incorporate into the programme.



The Cubs took an active part in helping to keep Newton Mearns clean this year, with the Pack taking a walk around the school and surrounding area to look at the impact littering has. They then designed posters that could be put up locally to encourage people not to litter, and were able to count it towards both their Community Impact and Artist badges. Some of the Explorers also ran an evening for us, teaching the Cubs about children's rights, and they gained the Rights Challenge badge.

The Pack really enjoyed some of the nights we spent outside of St Cadocs this year – getting to sit in a fire engine at Clarkston Fire Station and heading to Eastwood Theatre to watch the pantomime put on by the Harlequin Youth Theatre. We spent an evening 10-pin bowling and our budding artists visited Rouken Glen Pottery, in Darnley, and tried their hand at pottery painting. The results were great and the Cubs even managed to keep themselves mostly paint free, a success all round!

As part of the World Challenge the Cubs learned about Ramadan and Easter – making a date milkshake and Easter crafts.



Cubs isn't all work and no fun – the Cubs got to try some seriously silly Taskmaster style challenges! Which Six could eat the highest number of dry cream crackers, who could guess which eggs were boiled and which were cooked (using their foreheads!), and the very funny song writing challenge about the leaders! No offense taken Cubs!

With so many keen readers in the Pack, the Cubs completed their Book Reader Badge, reading books at home and even taking a trip to the local library. Of course, no trip to the library would be complete without the classic Scouting tradition of the Chippie Challenge!



For Halloween the Cubs got to visit one of our neighbouring Group's halls to play some spooky games, take part in a Halloween quiz and use the kitchen to decorate scary biscuits – as with every year the costumes were great!

The Skills challenge encourages young people to learn skills that will be useful for them, not just in Cubs. This year all the Cubs took on the challenge of learning how to use an iron and ironing their own neckties. They all listened and followed the Leaders instructions really well and there wasn't a wrinkle in sight! They also wrote postcards to their future selves, thinking ahead and imagining what their futures would look like, with the aim of encouraging Cubs to think about future goals, both short and long term.

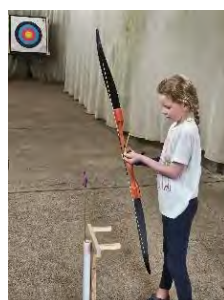
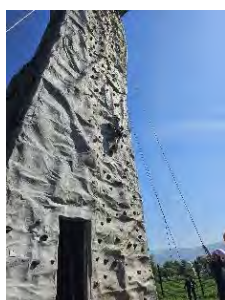
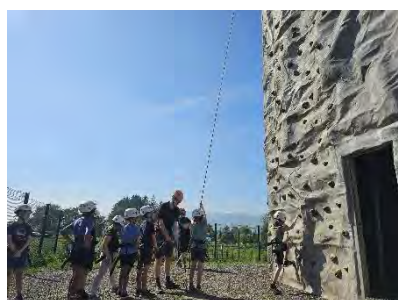
One of the aims of Scouting is to teach young people skills they will need in the future – so this year they started to learn first aid, bandaging each other and putting others in the recovery position. They also learned the Countryside Code, a vital part of going camping.



The Cubs put their knot tying skills into practice as part of completing their Pioneering badge, learning two new knots and making Newton Mearns' longest stick, and trebuchets using clove hitches and square lashings.

With a Group camp at the end of the year, we added something new to our Pack evenings – learning campfire songs! Many thanks to Colin the Campfire Songmaster – the Cubs absolutely love the silly songs they get to sing with you!

Outdoor adventures are a huge part of Scouting and some of the most fun things we get to do as a Pack. At the end of the year the Pack took part in a whole group camp at Auchengillan. The weather was great and the Cubs got to take part in new outdoor activities including archery and rock climbing, learn how to pitch a tent, enjoy some backwoods cooking, and of course making smores on the campfire while singing the new songs they had learned on Wednesday evenings. A lot of people went home very tired after a successful weekend, and that was just the Leaders! The work they did throughout the year and many of the activities at camp counted towards both the Outdoor and Adventure Challenge badges.



Due to their hard work and commitment while at Cubs, nine young people, Ruaridh Andrew, Lewis Gibb, Leo Filippini, Ross Jamieson, Umair Durrani, Rayaah Zahid, Ethan Hamilton, Sarah Hendry and Amelia Reid achieved their Chief Scout's Silver Award. This award requires a huge amount of effort, completing all 7 Challenge Badges and at least 6 Activity Badges. We're really proud of you all – well done!

At the end of the year, we were extremely sad to lose Gary Bainbridge from our team after twelve years as a leader with the 35th. We want to thank him for the significant impact he had on the Group, serving as both Cub and Scout leader. We wish him well in his future endeavours.

Collectively the Cubs earned nearly 300 badges during 2023/2024 and should be incredibly proud of everything they achieved.

Thank you to everyone who supported us during the year.

**Ashley, Barbara, Colin and Mark**

**CUB LEADERSHIP TEAM**





# SCOUTS

Welcoming Scouts back after summer is always a great time to reconnect and get lots of teamwork in. Using the last of the lighter dry nights, we practised tents, got out to Rouken Glen Park for a Treasure trail and then practised tents again! The requests to keep practising were too loud to ignore and leaders included were desperate to get back to camping! As the nights drew in, we moved further inside and enjoyed a "Night at the movies" for Black History month to watch Remember the Titans. Reflecting back on the movie we watched, the Scouts had some very big feelings on the topics covered and valuable reflection and conversations were had. We also took full advantage of our resident Taskmaster for the end of term and Adam "Taskmaster" Fewkes put all the Scouts through their paces and teamwork!

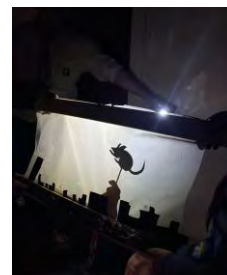


The winter term is always our shortest term but we certainly managed to pack a lot in! During a Troop forum, Scouts decided they would like to focus on the Creative Challenge Badge and cooking, so that's exactly what we did. Papercutting and folding from several countries in Asia, as well as folding and steaming our own dumplings. Absolutely every Scout tried these, and hot sauce and vegetables were a firm favourite. During one of our few 'no-let' evenings, a group of eight of our oldest Scouts began planning for their Expedition Challenge badge. It was decided that off to Stirling in January they'd go. We wrapped up the term with a number of problem-solving and skills-based activities, towards Challenge badges, including ironing uniform!



At the beginning of January, our Expedition team headed off on public transport to Stirling. They spent the day keeping to a budget for travel, food and activities, including visiting Stirling Castle. We were grateful to stay at a local hall, where the Scouts cooked curry for dinner.

Our resident doctor, Hassan, joined us to deliver some great programmes around healthy lifestyle and sleep, as well as alcohol and drugs. Everyone learned to take their pulse and we even got to see a real ECG machine in action! Luke undertook his Team Leader Challenge, teaching the Troop how to design characters and plan out a campaign for Dungeons and Dragons, something some members of the Troop now meet to enjoy, outwith our Thursday nights, which is a joy to see. Following this creativity, we made our own tartan woggles from clay (for Burns Night) and had a shadow puppet show for Chinese New Year.



We found ourselves with one night out of the hall this term but spent it on a Night Hike at Dams to Darnley, learning all about the environment around us on the walk, together with road crossing dangers, frogs and mud



galore! Our Troop loves a gameshow night, and we were lucky enough to have two. Stuart led Deal or No Deal, as a very convincing banker, and Adam got to celebrate his time with us, as Taskmaster, one last time. At Easter, Adam took a step back from regular nights at Scouts, but we are very grateful for everything he has contributed to the Troop. You are welcome back again any time, thanks Adam!

The summer term was all about getting back outside and ready for camp in May. We practised all the skills Scouts were going to need at Group Camp, including more tent time trials and fire lighting. Scouts decided on the meals they were responsible for cooking and we ran Ready Steady Cook to get plenty of practice in, so no one would go hungry. The Athletics badge made for a fun break in camp prep, and got everyone moving again - some of the 100m times were very impressive!



The Group Camp was held at Auchengillan, along with the Beavers and Cubs. The Scouts camped in tents for two nights, on the training ground, and cooked their own evening meal on Saturday night, over open fires. We had a whole Group campfire, which was kindly led by the Cub Team and was a great success. I think it's safe to say that everyone is looking forward to camping more often next year!

We were grateful to be joined on camp by Moray Blackwood, who has since joined us on a more permanent basis. We are very grateful for his Scouting knowledge and experience in International Centres. We also welcome Tash Rashed, who was looking for a new volunteering challenge, and brings a freshness to our Scouting, as it's her first Scouting experience.

In celebration of everyone's achievements, during the last year, I am delighted to say we awarded Chief Scout's



Gold Awards to Aaditya, Murray, Thomas and Raunak - very well deserved! We also awarded 77 Challenge badges. These are the principal badges that make up the Chief Scout's Gold Award - so again, a fantastic achievement. Eight Activity badges and twelve Staged Activity badges, also made their way in there, giving a grand total of 113 for the year. I'm so incredibly proud of everyone, and extend my thanks to Adam, Stuart, Hassan and Moray, for their continued hard work and commitment this year.

**Stacey, Stuart, Tash, Moray and Hassan**

**Scout Leadership Team**

# EXPLORERS

Explorer Scouting is a District provision, but we are lucky to be associated with Pegasus Explorer Scout Unit, a joint Unit between the 145<sup>th</sup> Glasgow and ourselves, which continues to be one of the strongest in the District. The Unit now boasts over 35 members.

This session activities have included skateboarding, an ice cream challenge, 'fake or real' cake decorating, axe throwing and Bollywood dancing - demonstrating the extremely varied and exciting programme we're able to offer. The Explorers also learned about the Rights Challenge badge and then ran sessions for the Beaver Colonies and Cub Packs in the 35<sup>th</sup> and 145<sup>th</sup>, so all the young people achieved the badge. Across the session, we tried our hand at crafts with paracord, tie dyeing and making toffee and candles, tin can lanterns and duct tape wallets.



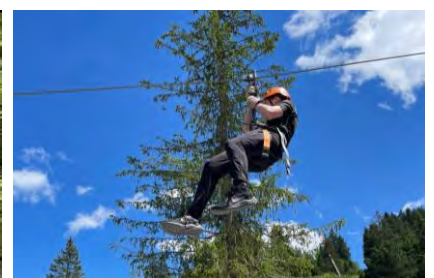
In September, we enjoyed a weekend camp at Auchengillan, participating in a range of adventurous activities that the site offers. In February, we held the first Pegasus Race Across Scotland. The Explorers made the most of Scotland's bus network to travel from Giffnock to Stirling, Perth, Dundee and finally Edinburgh. At each



checkpoint they completed challenges and activities before finding out their next destination. We were incredibly proud of how well the Explorers worked together to navigate their way through the weekend.

Another first for this year was a Christmas food collection for East Renfrewshire Larder at Morrisons Giffnock. The Explorers took time to chat to shoppers and invite them to buy something extra to donate. They collected far more than we could have imagined, and it was great to be able to support our local community. On Tuesday evenings we managed trips to Whitelee Windfarm, the Harlequin Pantomime, Glasgow's 'West End' for our annual 'Where's Wally?' and the Skypark at Braehead.

International activities continue to be a core part of the programme and we were delighted that 23 Explorers joined the 145<sup>th</sup> Scouts on a fabulous expedition to Switzerland, experiencing the culture of the country and taking part in river rafting, tobogganing and a visit to the Schilthorn, where several Unit members were invested, against a background of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau! Four Explorers also took part in the Blair Atholl International Jamborette, camping with young people from the USA and Canada.





We successfully completed Bronze and Silver DofE expeditions and several of our young people gained top awards, during the year. Congratulations to:

DofE Bronze Awards: Euan Davidson, Jamie Gray, Humza Haq.

DofE Silver Awards: Vijay Ashish, Rohit Kumar, Daniel More, Oscar Parker, Jamie Pollock, Alice Riches.

DofE Gold Awards: Tabitha Baxter-Seabrook, Matthew Pollock (both former Pegasus Explorers).

Chief Scout's Platinum Award: Vijay Ashish, Euan Davidson, Matthew Gibson, Jamie Gray, Luc Lyons, Gemma McNaught, Alice Riches.

Chief Scout's Diamond Award: Rohit Kumar, Oscar Parker, Jamie Pollock, Alice Riches, Mark Thompson.

King's Scout Award: Matthew Pollock (former Pegasus Explorer).

Explorer Belt: Yasmin Badesha, Matthew Gibson, Angus Husbands, Oscar Parker, Jamie Pollock, Matthew Pollock, Joseph Quinn, Gabrielle Smith, Finlay Spooner, Jade Thompson.



Running such a varied and exciting programme is only possible with the efforts of our volunteers and I'd like to express my thanks to Scott Adams, Gillian Caldwell, Thomas Crooks, Kenneth Robertson and Molly Ward for their hard work and dedication in supporting our Explorer Scouts.

**Alasdair Keane**

**EXPLORER SCOUT LEADER**

# Group Lead Volunteer's Report

I am delighted to report on another amazing year of Scouting in the 35<sup>th</sup> and Pegasus Explorer Scout Unit. I hope you have enjoyed reading the individual Section reports, from which you will have gained a flavour of the wide range of activities we get up to. All the Sections have been extremely busy - week on week and with other adventures over weekends and beyond.

Highlights of the year were most definitely

- The 35<sup>th</sup> Group Camp at Auchengillan in May, when we enjoyed really fabulous weather. Almost 70 young people experienced two nights away, with the Beavers and Cubs sleeping indoors and the Scouts camping. All Sections took part in a range of adventurous activities and came together for some meals and a campfire.
- The Explorers' 9-day expedition to Adelboden, in Switzerland, where they enjoyed a very full programme of activities in the Swiss Alps, including river rafting, zip lining, tobogganing and visiting the Schilthorn - with an investiture at the top of Europe.



You too could be part of the fun! Volunteering can be as flexible as you need it to be and is a great way to contribute to your local community. We have volunteering opportunities available within teams and no experience is necessary. Please speak to one of us, if you'd like to find out more.

Seventeen Beavers, Cubs and Scouts gained Chief Scout's Awards this year - 4 Beavers, 9 Cubs and 4 Scouts. This is a tremendous achievement that requires a great deal of work, to achieve every Challenge Award, plus a number of Activity Badges. Well done!



A number of our adult volunteers have also been recognised during the past year – Jade Thompson was awarded the Wood Badge, for completing all her training as a leader. Adam Fewkes, Stephen Parker and Deborah Reid were awarded the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service; Suzanne Cotton, Adam Fewkes and Hassan Ismahel were awarded the 5-years Long Service Award and Amy Miller was awarded the 10-years Long Service Award. Congratulations to all and thank you for everything you do.

In June, we welcomed Natasha Rashed to our Scout Team and, in August, we welcomed Richard Halliday to our Beaver Team and Moray Blackwood to our Scout Team. During the year, Colin Forster moved from our Beaver Team to our Cub Team. We are delighted to have them all on board. Unfortunately, due to other commitments, Adam Fewkes took a step back from our Scout team but has retained his role to assist on a more occasional basis. We thank him sincerely for his five years of service. Due to a career change, Gary Bainbridge stepped down as Cub Team Leader in August, after five years in that role and, previously, six years as Scout Team Leader. Massive thanks to Gary for leading the Pack and Troop in the 35<sup>th</sup>, throughout all these years, and we wish him well for the future. We are delighted that Ashley Miller has taken on the Cub Team Leader role and also wish her every success.

My thanks to all the Trustees on our Group Trustee Board, who continue to support our activities and undertake their charity responsibilities. Thanks too to our wider parent body, for supporting our work and encouraging your children to participate to the full. I hope we will continue to enjoy your support during the year ahead.

However, most of all, I must thank all our Section Teams, including Young Leaders, for everything they do to make Scouting such an exciting and fun experience for our young people. Also, my thanks to Karen, for all her help as a member of our Group Leadership Team. Together, their energy, dedication and creativity are second to none and we owe all of them a great debt of gratitude.

Please follow what we get up to in the year ahead, on Instagram [@35thglasgowscouts](https://www.instagram.com/35thglasgowscouts) and on Facebook [35thGlasgowScouts](https://www.facebook.com/35thGlasgowScouts). Follow our Explorers too, to see what opportunities await from the age of 14 years, on Facebook or on Instagram [@PESUGlasgow](https://www.instagram.com/PESUGlasgow).

**Gillian Caldwell**

**GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER**



# **35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group**



## **Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**for the**

**year ended 31 August 2024**

**Charity No SC032888**

**35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group**  
**Trustees' Annual Report**  
**Year ended 31 August 2024**

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 SC032888  
The Trustee Board has pleasure in presenting this report, together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 August 2024.

**Name and Address**

The Group's name is the 35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group and it may be contacted at c/o 8 Rodger Avenue, Newton Mearns Glasgow G77 6JP

**Constitution and Purpose**

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

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; make and live by their Promise.

**Trustees**

Theresa McGrattan	Chair	
Deborah Reid	Secretary	
Stephen Parker	Treasurer	
Suzanne Cotton	Trustee	
Kari Gillies	Trustee	
Kerwei Chong	Trustee	until 18/04/2024
Iain Jamieson	Trustee	
Matthew Paton	Trustee	
Gillian Caldwell	Lead Volunteer	
Karen Imrie	Lead Volunteer	
Amy Miller	Beaver Team Leader	
Gary Bainbridge	Cub Team Leader	
Stacey Portelly	Scout Team Leader	

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

**Activities and Achievements**

In the year to 31 January 2024, we increased our youth membership by 7.8%, most markedly in the Scout Section. Programmes included a wide variety of activities, structured around the Scouts Award schemes. Seventeen young people gained Chief Scout's Awards - 4 Beavers, 9 Cubs and 4 Scouts. We held a very successful Group Camp in May 2024, which was attended by 70 young people, from Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and a few Explorer Scout Young Leaders. The Scouts also ran an enjoyable Expedition Challenge to Stirling, which was chosen and planned by the older Scouts. All Sections operate at capacity and we have a large waiting list for places. We ran two family events in November and June, both of which were extremely well supported. The Trustee Board met on five occasions to consider the priorities of the Group and to provide strong governance of finances, safety and safeguarding.

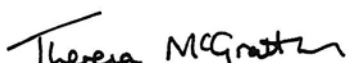
**Results for the year**

The accounts show a surplus of £2003.62 for 2023-24, compared with a surplus of £1,410.01 the previous year. We received £1,400.00 in grant funding from the Allander Youth Activities Charitable Trust, which paid for adventurous activities at the Group Camp, enabling the cost to be more affordable. The vast majority of parents have completed Gift Aid declarations, which allows the Group to make a significant reclaim of tax from HMRC, each year.

**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 items of expenditure on events or equipment.

Approved by the Trustee Board on 4 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by :-



**Group Chair**

04 November 2024



**35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group**  
**Independent Examiner's Report**  
**Year ended 31 August 2024**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group**

I report on the financial statements of the 35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group ("the Group") for the year ended 31 August 2024 which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

**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 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.

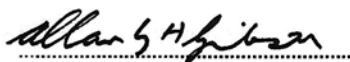
**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

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 the 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 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 Act and 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.



Allan Gibson

Chartered Accountant  
Newton Mearns, G77 5TY  
04 November 2024

**35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**Year ended 31 August 2024**

	Note	2023-24	2022-23
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Voluntary Income			
Subscriptions	3	3,497.50	3,802.50
Tax Recovered - Gift Aid		1,676.53	1,544.66
Donations		1,400.00	1,060.04
Group Activities			
Group/Section Programme Events		5,375.00	5,845.00
Fund-Raising Activities		0.00	0.00
Investment Income			
Bank Interest		0.00	0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>11,949.03</b>	<b>12,252.20</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Group Activities			
Programme Activities		7,229.65	8,259.73
Badges/Handbooks & Uniform		634.73	677.84
Leader Training		0.00	0.00
Equipment Purchase & Maintenance		207.61	110.83
Premises	4	1,102.72	1,121.38
Management & Administration Costs		770.70	672.41
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>9,945.41</b>	<b>10,842.19</b>
<b>- Deficit/Surplus for year</b>		<b>2,003.62</b>	<b>1,410.01</b>

**35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group**  
**Statement of Balances**  
**Year ended 31 August 2024**

	2023-24	2022-23
<b>Cash &amp; Bank Balances (Unrestricted)</b>		
Balance as at 01/09/23	7,921.49	6,511.48
Surplus/-Deficit for the year	2,003.62	1,410.01
Balance as at 31/08/24	<u>9,925.11</u>	<u>7,921.49</u>
 Bank Current Accounts	 9,925.11	 7,921.49
	<u>9,925.11</u>	<u>7,921.49</u>

**Other Assets**

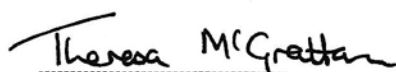
The Group owns a range of camping equipment, a camping trailer and various kilts.

**Liabilities**

The Group has no liabilities at 31 August 2024

The Notes on Page 5 form an integral part of these Accounts.

Approved by the Trustee Board on 4 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:-



**Group Chair**

04 November 2024



**Treasurer**

04 November 2024



**35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**Year ended 31 August 2024**

	2023-24	2022-23
<b>1 Funds</b>		
The Group maintains a single undesignated general fund for all its financial transactions.		
<b>2 Trustees Remuneration &amp; Expenses</b>		
The Trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year (2022-23: Nil)		
<b>3 Subscription Income</b>		
Beavers	2,300.00	2,145.00
Cubs	2,720.00	2,705.00
Scouts	2,070.00	1,840.00
	<u>7,090.00</u>	<u>6,690.00</u>
Less: Subscriptions transferred to Pegasus Explorer Scout Unit	65.00	0.00
Less: Membership fees paid to Scout Headquarters	<u>3,527.50</u>	<u>2,887.50</u>
	<u><u>3,497.50</u></u>	<u><u>3,802.50</u></u>
<b>4 Premises</b>		
Insurance	137.77	194.13
Hall Lets	964.95	927.25
	<u><u>1,102.72</u></u>	<u><u>1,121.38</u></u>