

Scouts



145th Glasgow

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Annual Report and Financial Statements 2023

145th Glasgow (Giffnock) Scout Group
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 15 November 2022

Present

Kenneth Robertson – Group Scout Leader
Judy Taggart – Chair
John Harrower – Treasurer
40 members including Leaders

Apologies

None

Welcome

Kenneth Robertson welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked all for their attendance and support.

In particular, he welcomed the following attendees -
District Chair, Stuart Imrie and Explorer Scout Leader, Alasdair Keane.

All members of the Group had been emailed reports and accounts in advance and were asked to note the period being reviewed as 1 September 2021 – 31 August 2022.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM were circulated prior to the meeting, by email. Those present agreed the minutes were a true reflection of that meeting and were deemed to be so.

Annual Reports

Kenneth Robertson introduced the Annual Reports and congratulated all the Sections on returning to more normal Scouting activities following on from the pandemic. Thanks, were also conveyed to parents for their support during the last session and to the Executive Committee for their help with risk assessments and other related activity.

To meeting was asked for approval of the reports and they were duly approved.

Accounts

John Harrower advised that everyone should have seen a copy of the accounts, and it followed previous formats. He asked those who hadn't already made a gift aid declaration to consider this, as it was a huge help to the Group as we had just received a large return from HMRC. The year had shown a deficit of £3812 but this could be explained by the activities of the Kent International Jamboree which had been postponed from 2020.

John concluded that the Group's finances were in good order, although we were facing increased costs over the coming year with an increase in hall rental and offered to answer any questions. No questions were asked at this time.

The approval of the accounts was made unanimously.

John conveyed a special word of thanks to David Nairn of Milne Craig for his continued support and advice, as our Independent Examiner of the accounts.

Kenneth also thanked John for his help and support with the accounts.

Nominations for the Group Executive for 2022/23

i. Office Bearers

Kenneth thanked Judy Taggart for her three years as Chair.

Kenneth nominated Judy Taggart to continue as Group Chair and Judy was invited to Chair the remainder of the meeting.

John Harrower was proposed as Treasurer with the position of Treasurer vacant.

The meeting unanimously approved these appointments.

ii. Elected Members

Judy asked if any other parents would like to join the Group Executive committee and stated they would be welcome to approach any current member to volunteer.

We were particularly keen to have some Beaver parents.

iii. Nominated Members

None

iv. Ex Officio Members

From the uniform side, in addition to Kenneth Robertson and Lindsay Sharp, who are automatically Trustees, Jane Husbands, Irene Hemfrey and Keir Kelso-Scott were also willing to serve as Trustees of the Group.

v. Independent Examiner

John Harrower proposed that David Nairn be appointed as the Independent Examiner of our Accounts, in 2022-23.

The above positions were unanimously approved.

AOCB

- Kenneth took the opportunity at this point in the meeting to acknowledge the service of retiring Group Scout Leader, Brendan Harris. He presented Brendan with several gifts from the Group and parents.
- Judy conveyed thanks from the parents, for all the work from the leaders, which was echoed by several parents in the room.
- Stuart Imrie also offered thanks to leaders and parents for their support and effort over the last year, in particularly challenging times and made two long-service presentations to members of the 145th Leadership Team.
- Judy and Kenneth thanked everyone for coming along to the meeting.

Lindsay Sharp

DEPUTY GROUP SCOUT LEADER

BEAVERS

It's been another busy year for the Beavers. Robbie Gallagher joined the Beaver Leadership Team this session and we have three Young Leaders from Pegasus ESU, in Alice, Mark and Yasmin who support us each week. Throughout the session new Beavers have joined us, with 5 'Moving On' to Cubs at Christmas and 3 after the summer break. As well as games and creative activities, the Beavers have learnt about a variety of festivals and celebrations, developed skills for life, solved problems and learned to work as part of a team. We have had a visit from Rouken Glen Pottery Painting, been to the panto at Eastwood Theatre, enjoyed an adventure in Troon, held a mini sport's night in the park and finished the year with 10-pin bowling.



During **Global Intergenerational Week** our families joined us in Eastwood Park for a litter pick – where we collected a huge amount of rubbish including an old bicycle!



In May, ten Beavers enjoyed a sleepover at the 28th Glasgow Scout Hall – I'm not sure how much sleep was had but the neighbours commented on the singing at our campfire! I think we can safely say that everyone had fun ☺



All this helps them to earn badges as they work towards their Bronze Chief Scouts Award – over the past year we have awarded Teamwork, Skills and Outdoors Challenge badges, as well as Air Activities, Builder, Camp Craft, Collector, Creative, Emergency Aid, Explore, Health and Fitness, International and Nights Away activity badges!



Thank you to all those parents and leaders who have helped lend an extra pair of hands when needed – we couldn't have done it without you – and we look forward to your continued support as we head into the 2023-24 session.

Jane Husbands
BEAVER LEADER

cubs

The last session has been absolutely brilliant as we have fully returned to in-person activities all year, and what a year it has been.

We began the session with the BBQ and Treasure Hunt at Pollok Park in August and we spent the first part of the Autumn Term working on our Skills Challenge Badge and looking at Healthy Eating and the Home Help Badge and a great activity day at Lapwing Lodge Outdoor Centre. We had our first Halloween Party in a number of years with some great costumes, attended the Annual Remembrance Service and finished the term with a Christmas Party of fun and games.



Following Christmas and our trip to see the Harlequin pantomime, Aladdin, we spent the Winter Term and Spring Term preparing for the Group's 80th Birthday by going virtually "Around the World in 80 Days". We visited Japan, Canada, China, Egypt, New Zealand, Norway, France, Australia, Ukraine, USA and Colombia. Along the way we learned new skills, cooked outdoors, made twists, lit fires, had our own Eurovision Song Contest, created our own hakka, made pancakes, tried origami to name but a few.



We also had a night navigation at Whitelee Windfarm, a trip to the Dry Ski Slope at Bellahouston and organised a Coffee Evening in aid of Guide Dogs – Sponsor a Puppy. We also completed our Athletics badge on a glorious sunny night at Huntly Park.



The highlight of the year was definitely the Pack holiday to Lochearnhead Scout Station in May. A Harry Potter theme was the order of the day in the campsite set in an old railway station. Everyone who attended completed their Scientist badge in Professor Snape's Potions Class and other parts of the challenge badges that contribute to the Chief Scout's Silver Award, the highest award available to a Cub and we hope to present a number of these at the AGM.



As always the Cubs can't run without all the Leaders and we have been very grateful to have the assistance of our Group Scout Leader, Kenneth Robertson, who has shared his years of experience with the team to allow us to deliver a fun-packed exciting programme.

Irene Hemfrey, Matthew Pollock and Jake Royle
145TH CUB PACK

SCOUTS

Another year of normal Scouting and another busy one for the Scouts. We began the year with the family BBQ and Scavenger Hunt in Pollok Park at the end of August. Over the course of the year, we have been working on our scouting skills which we didn't really have the chance to do during COVID. We pitched tents, lit fires, harnessed our cooking skills.



We also had a visit to the Harlequin Pantomime – Aladdin, Go-Karting in Cambuslang, the Climbing Academy in Glasgow and a Winter Camp in February at Lapwing Lodge Outdoor Centre. This was a highlight for many with activities and scouting skills on display and a chance to mix with the Explorer Scouts, allowing the Scouts to see the next stage of their Scouting journey.



We also had a large number of nights out the hall at Huntly and Rouken Glen Park. Thank you to all who have helped over the past year, but a special thanks to Hugh Taggart who is stepping down from his involvement at the 145th – thank you, Hugh.

Angus Husbands and Keir Kelso-Scott
145TH SCOUT TROOP

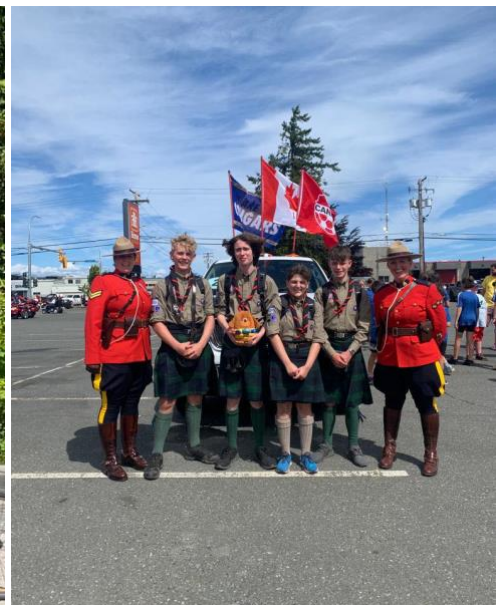
EXPLORERS

Explorer Scouting is a District provision, but we are lucky to be associated with Pegasus Explorer Scout Unit, a joint Unit between the 35th (Crookfur) and ourselves, which continues to be one of the strongest in the District. The Unit now boasts on average over 34 members attending every week.

Pegasus have had another very busy year and it was great to be back into full swing after the COVID restrictions of the previous couple of years. With our programme we aim to get out of the hall as much as possible and try lots of different activities. This session these have included a visit to Pinkston for kayaking, the dry ski slope at Bellahouston, lawn bowls at Kelvingrove and showing off our dance moves whilst skating at the RollerDisco. We also enjoyed a number of nights away including visits to Alton Towers, Canada Training Camp on Arran, Lapwing Lodge and a sleep out to raise awareness of homelessness and expeditions for Chief Scout and DofE awards.



International activities continue to be a focus for the section, and we were very proud of the 10 Explorer and Network members who completed their Explorer Belt Expedition in Canada this summer. Over the 10 days, they cycled around Vancouver Island, finding out about the culture, activities and the way of life of the people living there.



We were also fortunate to have had 5 of our Explorers attend the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. The challenges they were faced with have been well documented in the media, but they all came back smiling, showing true resilience to make the best of the situation and they enjoyed spending more time in Seoul than planned. Two of our leaders, Thomas Crooks and Molly Ward also attended the Jamboree as part of the International Service Team.



We successfully completed some more DofE expeditions with Gold practices and Silver qualifications being run over the summer months. I am delighted to say that Jade Thompson became our second Queen's Scout Award recipient in recent years but also the first to also be awarded her DofE Gold Award.

Bronze Awards completed in the last year: Matthew Gibson, David Landman, Luc Lyons, Niall Mackenzie, Libby McGregor, Gemma McNaught, Daniel More and Alice Riches.

Silver Awards completed in the last year: Rohit Kumar Daniel More, Gabrielle Smith and Mark Thompson.

Gold Awards completed in the last year: Matthew Pollock.

This year we were delighted to present 3 King's Scouts Awards to Network Members (18-25 section) and all leaders at the 35th, 145th and Pegasus. This is the highest award available to youth members in Scouting and a huge achievement. Congratulations to **Angus Husbands, Laura Thompson and Molly Ward**.

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

Alasdair Keane
EXPLORER SCOUT LEADER

Group Scout Leader's Report 2022 – 2023

This year has been an extremely busy one for all the Sections of the Group as we return to “normal” Scouting activities after the pandemic years. It has been truly humbling to see the level of commitment from all the Leaders in the Group who have gone above and beyond over the last year to provide such an engaging programme for all our young people.



It was a pleasure to recognise the service of Brendan Harris, who stood down as GSL at the AGM last year and the recognition of this in the House of Commons along with the gifts we presented to him from parental donations was very much appreciated.

It has been great to see all of the sections having Nights Away experiences with the Beavers having a sleepover, the Cubs having their Pack Holiday at Lochearnhead and the Scouts holding a Winter Camp at Lapwing Lodge with the Explorers.

Nights Away are a key part of Scouting and have been the one aspect that we weren't able to deliver during the years of the pandemic. As a Group we are working hard to ensure that we increase these opportunities, and I am grateful to those Leaders who are going through Scout training to be able to take our young people away.

There are some changes coming to the structures of Scouting early in 2024 and some of the titles we use will disappear. So too will our Group Executive Committee in its current format. This will be replaced by a Trustee Board which will be responsible for ensuring that the 145th as a registered charity spends and uses its monies correctly. We will also need an ad-hoc group of parents to help run fundraising activities. I am hugely grateful to Chair, Judy Taggart and Treasurer, John Harrower for their support this year. It would be really wonderful to see a few more parents involved when the new structures come into place to take some of the fundraising responsibilities off the Leaders whose main priority should be organising the programme of activities for our young people. However, without the fundraising activities, the programme can't always be delivered the way we would like.

This year has seen our 80th Birthday Year and we have marked this with a variety of activities which will culminate in our Group Camp at Lapwing Lodge where we will also use the opportunity to hold our 2023 AGM.

I have been fortunate to have visited all Sections over the year and have met a number of parents. My thanks to you all for your support, especially in completing *GiftAid* forms as quickly as you have as this has been a great way for the Group to claim back money from HMRC.

Kenneth Robertson
GROUP SCOUT LEADER

CHARITY NUMBER SC033531

145th GLASGOW SCOUT GROUP
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name: 145th Glasgow Scout Group

Charity Number: SC033531

Trustees: Judy Taggart Chairperson
Vacant Secretary
John Harrower Treasurer
Kenneth Robertson Group Scout Leader
Lindsay Sharp Deputy Group Scout Leader
Jane Husbands Beaver Scout Leader
Irene Hemfrey Assistant Cub Scout Leader
Keir Kelso-Scott Assistant Scout Leader
Alasdair Keane Explorer Scout Leader

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Executive Committee have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 August 2023

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

Constitution

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 SC033531

The Executive Committee has pleasure in presenting this report, together with the financial statements and the Independent Examiner's report for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

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

The position of Secretary to the Group Executive Committee is currently unfilled.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable 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.

Activities & Achievements

We enjoyed a return to normal Scouting activities with all Sections being able to participate in Nights Away experiences over the course of the session. The Beavers held a sleepover, and the Cubs enjoyed a weekend at Lochearnhead Scout Station in May. Meanwhile, the Scouts and Explorers held a winter camp at Lapwing Lodge in February and 10 Explorers and Network members took part in an Explorer Expedition to Vancouver Island, Canada in July 2023. 5 Explorers and 2 Leaders participated in the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in August.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The accounts show a deficit of £412 (2022 - £3812). Unrestricted funds decreased to £22,084 (2022 - £22496). Hall rental increased significantly over the last session, but the Group was successful in reclaiming Gift Aid for previous sessions and for the period ending 31 August 2023 to offset these costs. The biggest expenditure was the Explorer Belt Expedition to Canada. This was a planned activity for which funds had been raised over a number of years.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees believe that around 2 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.

Reserves at the end of the year were £22,084 (2022 - £22,496) although £11,450 is committed to the Switzerland Summer Camp in 2024

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Charity plans to continue to promote its charitable objectives through its activities and events.

Approved by the Group Executive Committee on 14th September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:-



Group Scout Leader

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023 which are set out on pages 5 to 7

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES & EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) 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 EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 STATEMENT

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with 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.



David Nairn, CA
Director
Milne Craig
Chartered Accountants
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14th September 2023

 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary Income			
Subscriptions	4	4,835	4,782
Fund-Raising Activities	5	9,575	1,280
Grants/Donations/Gift Aid		11,362	41
Group Activities			
Scout Programme Events		9,095	3,911
Canada 2023		6,981	4,125
Switzerland 2024		11,450	-
Kent International Jamboree		-	3,876
Total Receipts		<u>53,298</u>	<u>18,015</u>
PAYMENTS			
Cost of Fundraising	6	642	-
Group Activities			
Programme Activities		13,486	7,120
Badges, Books and Consumables		34	1,035
Premises & Equipment	7	2,835	2,500
General Expenditure		932	684
Kent International Jamboree		-	5,652
Canada 2023		26,568	3,856
Duke of Edinburgh		1,507	865
Refund of Canada 2020 bookings		-	-
Essex 2020		-	-
Website Administration Fees		120	155
Donations		<u>7,586</u>	-
Total Payments		<u>53,710</u>	<u>21,827</u>
Deficit for year		<u>(412)</u>	<u>(3,812)</u>

All funds are unrestricted

STATEMENT OF BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Funds Reconciliation		
Balance as at 31 August 2021/2022	22,496	26,308
Deficit for year	<u>(412)</u>	<u>(3,112)</u>
Balance as at 31 August 2022/2023	<u>22,084</u>	<u>22,496</u>
Bank and Cash Balances		
Bank Current Accounts	9,763	6,323
Special Camp Account	11,439	4,929
Explorer Expedition Account	882	10,045
Cash in Hand	<u>-</u>	<u>1,199</u>
	<u>22,084</u>	<u>22,496</u>

Other Assets

There are no other significant assets at 31 August 2023

Liabilities

There are no significant liabilities at 31 August 2023

All funds are unrestricted

The Notes on page 7 form part of these Accounts.

Approved by the Group Executive Committee and signed on its behalf by:-



John Harrower
Treasurer

14th September 2023

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1.	Basis of Accounting		
	These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).		
2.	Nature and Purpose of Funds		
	Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The Trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the Group.		
3.	Trustees Remuneration & Expenses		
	The Trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year (2022 - £nil).		
		2023	2022
		£	£
4.	Subscription Income		
	Beavers	1,475	1,560
	Cubs	2,310	1,224
	Group	-	1,298
	Scout Troop	1,800	1,440
	Explorer Scout Unit	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,770</u>
		8,585	9,292
	Less: Paid to Scout Headquarters	<u>(3,750)</u>	<u>(4,510)</u>
		<u>4,835</u>	<u>4,782</u>
5.	Fund Raising Income		
	Kent International Jamboree	-	430
	Kiltwalk	4,797	-
	Quiz Night	1,150	283
	Rag Bag	322	417
	Soup and Santa	1,163	-
	Race Night	1,550	-
	Other Fundraising	<u>593</u>	<u>150</u>
		<u>9,575</u>	<u>1,280</u>
6.	Cost of Fund Raising		
	Canada Fundraising	52	-
	Race Night	87	-
	Quiz Nights	-	-
	Soup and Santa	<u>503</u>	-
		<u>642</u>	-
7.	Premises/Equipment		
	Hall Rental	2,500	2,500
	Canada Kit	138	-
	Unit Neckties/ Unit Hoodies	135	-
	Equipment and Training	<u>62</u>	-
		<u>2,835</u>	<u>2,500</u>