

35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group

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Annual Report 2016-17



35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group
Minute of 35th Annual General Meeting
Thursday 8th December 2016
St Cadoc's Primary School, Newton Mearns

Present

Jennifer Nesbitt, Gillian Caldwell, Deborah Reid, Karen Imrie and 19 parents

Apologies

Amy Miller

Welcome

Jennifer Nesbitt welcomed everyone to the 35th AGM of the Group

Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM were circulated at the meeting. The minutes were proposed by Gillian Leitch, seconded by Karen Imrie and approved as an accurate record of the 34th AGM

Annual Reports

Gillian Caldwell introduced the annual reports and encouraged those present to read them at their leisure.

Gillian summarised the reports in what was a busy year with a good range of activities throughout the Group and thanked the leaders and committee members for the time and effort they put in.

Gillian mentioned again the crisis levels in staffing and asked the adults considered volunteering as and "adult helper"

James Meneely proposed the report. Kathy Wilkie-Thompson seconded

Accounts

Amy Miller had provided a summary of the accounts. Allan Gibson (independent examiner) had checked and approved them. Thanks were offered to Allan for his help and guidance with the accounts.

Two lots of gift aid had been received due to timings. The benefit of gift aid was mentioned.

There were no questions from the floor. Michele Liddle proposed and Gillian Leitch seconded the accounts.

Nominations for the Group Executive for 2016/17

Gillian Caldwell nominated Jennifer Nesbitt as Chairman and this was approved by the meeting.

Deborah Reid was proposed as Secretary, seconded and approved by the meeting.

Amy Miller was proposed as Treasurer, seconded and approved by the meeting.

James Meneely was proposed as a Committee member, seconded and approved by the meeting.

Heather Nilsen-Nygaard and Gary Bainbridge agreed to be members of the Group Executive Committee and hence Trustees of the Group.

Allan Gibson had agreed to continue as Independent Examiner for 2016/17 and this was approved by the meeting.

AOCB

The draw for the 50 Club has been delayed until the January.

Sections would resume again on the 11th and 12th of January 2017 in St Cadoc's Primary.

BEAVERS

To start this session, we were delighted to welcome ten new Beavers into the colony. In September and October, during our weekly meetings, the older Beavers were working towards completing their Teamwork Challenge Badge. For this we took part in Log Chews, a Promise Relay and sequencing the promise with an older Beaver. We said farewell to six of our older Beavers as they swam-up to Cubs. We completed our Healthy Eating activity badge by making fruit kebabs, designing a healthy eating poster and talking about healthy and unhealthy foods.



We all enjoyed visiting Rouken Glen Park in September as part of My World Challenge and My Adventure Challenge. There we made a disgusting mud cocktail, played new games and jumped in puddles. Thanks to the Park Ranger for taking us around and sorry for leaving puddles in the pavilion from emptying our wellies when we sat down!

For Halloween we had a favourite costume and Onesie party with lots of musical games and excitement. Everyone coloured and drew pictures to make a huge birthday card for Kit's special birthday. In November we had a themed safety night for Guy Fawkes. In the run up

to Christmas we were very busy making things and visiting Laser Tag in Kilmarnock.

Five Beavers swam up to Cubs in Jan 2017. We started the New Year thinking of Scotland. We took part in a Mini Highland Games with



Flip the Haggis, bean bag curling, hop scotch, Scottish bingo, learning about St Andrew and lots more. All of this went towards the Scottish Beaver Thistle Award, which we all completed.

In February we all got passports to travel the world and learn about other countries. We found out about flags, food and famous landmarks found in Italy, China and Australia. We enjoyed learning how to say hello from each of these countries and tasted foods from around the world. This all helped us complete the My World Challenge badge.



In March we were all very excited about taking part in a tour of Tesco at Silverburn to receive our Farm to Fork badge. We learned how they make bread, all about the different fish they sell and even got to see behind the scenes.

After Easter we continued our Outdoor Challenge Badge by planting flowers, which were given to the elderly residents of Crookfur Cottage Homes. We also achieved our Experiment Badge by making a lava lamp and learning about magnets. We thoroughly enjoyed playing on the outdoor nature trail and assault course in the school grounds on the nice dry evenings in the run up to summer. We also went tubing at Bellahouston Ski Centre, an exhausting but brilliant night had by all.



On 2nd June we spent a night with the fishes at the Deep Sea World on Loch Lomond side. We had a private tour, film in the huge cinema with popcorn and then slept in the shark tunnel. A fantastic experience for any Beaver for their first ever Scout sleepover.



Finally, I would like to thank all of the other Leaders and Young Leaders who give up their time each week to help run a fantastic action packed Colony. Without them there would be no Beavers.

Heather Nilsen-Nygaard

Beaver Scout Leader





The Cubs have enjoyed a great year, completing a range of badges and taking part in many activities and outings.



In August, we started the year with our own Olympics evening, to coincide with the slightly larger event that was taking place in Rio, at that time. We also had an evening thinking about our Cub Promise and anti-bullying. Thereafter we spent a number of weeks looking at aspects of nature and the environment. We were lucky to be visited by two Rangers from 'Dams to Darnley' and they helped the Cubs make some amazing discoveries in the Capelrig Burn, at the side of the school.

Eight of our Cubs headed off to Lochgoilhead, for an adventure weekend, as part of the Cubs 100 birthday celebrations. During the weekend, they took part in abseiling, canoeing, den building, fire lighting, raft building and a Hallowe'en disco, but not a great deal of sleeping! Back home,



our own Hallowe'en Party was also great fun, with all the traditional games and activities. In November, we visited 'The Experience' at Hillington and enjoyed an evening of Laser Tag and Slot Car Racing. Then, in the run up to Christmas, our focus turned to global issues, such as saving energy, international charities and natural disasters, as part of Our World Challenge and the Global Issues badge.

At the beginning of 2017, we had an 'Outside In' evening, when we completed some tent pitching, mini pioneering, cooking on Trangia stoves and first aid, but within the warm surroundings of the school! We also had a later than normal visit to the pantomime, 'Snow White', at Eastwood



Theatre. Thereafter, we turned our attention to the International badge, celebrating the Chinese New Year, making our own huge World Scout Badge and doing some international cooking.

During the year, there were various opportunities to complete parts of the Teamwork, Team Leader and Personal Challenges, including a number of consultations with the Cubs regarding what they wanted to do at Cubs – badges, outings, games etc. February was #YouShape month and so we had a particular focus on pack forums, during that time. We were delighted to welcome back a couple of guide dogs and their owners, when we handed over a cheque for £400, raised through the Cubs' Sponsored Walk, the previous summer. In the run up to Easter, we made some Mother's Day gifts, found out about World Religions and had great fun Tubing, at Glasgow Ski Centre.



During the summer term, we had a number of evenings without school lets and so we took the train to Rouken Glen Park for a nature walk; visited Tesco at Silverburn, as part of 'Farm to Fork' to explore what went on behind the scenes; and we had an evening at Lapwing Lodge, near Paisley, doing some fire lighting and playing a wide game. Back at the school, we learned about maps, tracking signs, took part in problem solving activities, pitched tents outside and worked on our Communicator badge.

During the year, we welcomed 10 new Cubs, from the Beaver Colony, and our 10 oldest Cubs moved on to new adventures with the Scout Troop. Altogether, the Cubs gained 157 badges and congratulations go to 7 Cubs - Sam, Owen, Miles, Harrison, Jake, Alex and Alexander - who all gained the Chief Scout's Silver Award, the highest award a Cub can achieve.



Early in the New Year, we were delighted to welcome Fhionna Robertson, as our new Cub Scout leader and we gained the services of three Young Leaders – Ra'eesah Shafqet, Holly McCann and Huzefah Hanif. This made an immediate and significant difference to our capacity to run the Pack. I am, however, indebted to Karen Imrie and Jennifer Nesbitt for their unstinting support every week, in keeping the Pack going, over the last two years, and ensuring that the Cubs continued to have the fullest possible experience.

Many thanks to all the Leaders (young and less young) for all their time and effort, to the parents for their continued support and to the Cubs themselves for their hard work and enthusiasm. Next year Fhionna will be writing this!

Gillian Caldwell

Group Scout Leader.

SCOUTS

The Scout Troop has grown by a quarter during the session 2016/17, with a number of Cubs moving up to join us, which has seen us increase to 4 Patrols.

We were delighted to welcome Kyle, Adam, Owen, Jake, Miles, Sam, Harrison and Alex during the session. Luqmaan, Matthew, Musa and Aryaman turned 14 years old during the year and headed off to join Pegasus ESU for the next part of their Scouting adventure.

The Scouts have been working their way through the World Challenge badge, during the session, and have been challenged to think about some of the issues faced in less well-off countries.



We have spent time thinking about fair trade, its importance for those who grow our raw ingredients and how we can help to create a better world for farming. We have looked at natural disasters and other issues that countries can face. The Scouts were surprised by some of the locations that ShelterBox has supported with food, clothing, tents and their green boxes.

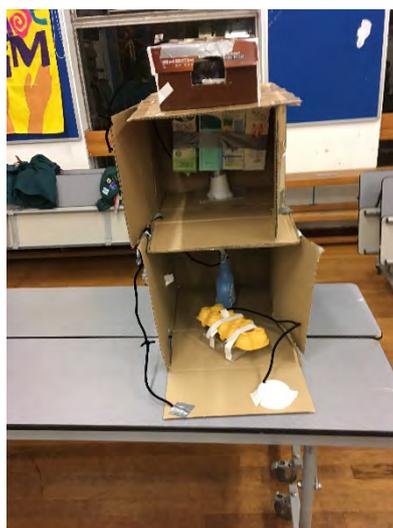
We were grateful to Zubair from the 'Feed Glasgow' initiative who joined us for an evening to talk about Ramadan, the importance of fasting for Muslims and how food poverty is a very real issue here in the UK.



#YouthShaped Scouting forms a key part of how we support young people to develop themselves through Scouting. This is done in different ways, by encouraging our young people to develop their peer leadership skills, through much of our work in Patrols where young people learn to work together in small groups and through our Patrol system. During the 2016/17 session, our Patrols Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders staged a 'takeover' evening where they designed the programme for the evening which involved trying some new games.

Some of our fun Thursday nights out, during the year, included trips to Laserquest, Tag Active and Airspace, where the Scouts were challenged to use their teamwork skills, learnt during games, and put them in to practice.

As part of our Digital Citizen staged badge, the Scouts were given a pile of recycled materials and challenged to make computers from them. We also made videos and thought about how to use email and the importance of internet safety.



In April, the Scouts got out and about in Newton Mearns to undertake the highly important task of assessing our best local chip shop as part of their much loved Chippie Challenge.

In June, we headed to Lapwing Lodge for an evening of playing wide games, practising fire lighting and putting some of our Scouting skills in to practice.



We ended the session in June with a visit to the Synagogue, at Giffnock, where the Scouts learned about Judaism, its traditions, how Jewish people worship and some of the history of the faith. Those Scouts who attended, completed the World Faiths Badge too.

It is great to watch how the Scouts develop during their time with us as they work their way through the challenge of our badges and activities and we're grateful to everyone for all of their fun and hard work and to Gillian for her support and encouragement.

Gary Bainbridge
Scout Leader

Ashley Fallis
Asst Scout Leader

EXPLORERS[♣]

Explorer Scouting is a District Provision but we are lucky that Pegasus Explorer Scout Unit, a joint Unit between the 145th Glasgow and ourselves, and we continue to be one of the strongest in the District. The Unit now boasts on average between 20 – 30 members attending every week.



2016-2017 was another very busy year for the Unit with an increasingly diverse range of activities taking place both in and outside the hall.

The Autumn Programme began with The Great Cardboard Castle Battle. Other highlights in autumn were our Disability Awareness Evening, our trip to the Bellahouston Ski Centre, light painting, our Joyworks Laughter Workshop, Ready Steady Cook –

International, Bowling and Laser Tag, Where's Wally 9 and survival skills. Those heading off to Canada also spent a training weekend on Arran during a very wet and wild September weekend.

In January we had our own version of the Apprentice, as well as team challenges and a trip to the pantomime. Later in the winter session we had a number of day walks and navigation exercises, a trip to watch the Ice Hockey at Braehead, a night navigation exercise at Whitelee Windfarm in the snow!, DofE expedition training and a trip to Airspace.

The Spring Term included ten pin bowling, a scrapheap challenge, human Hungry Hippos (has to be seen to be believed), fencing, a visit to the Gurdwara, wakeboarding at Pinkston and we finished of the year with an all you can eat buffet at Cosmo in Silverburn.





We also had a number of Bronze DofE Practice and Qualifying Expeditions throughout the spring and summer months which led to a number of Explorers competing their Bronze Awards.

The year was rounded off with two fabulous trips. The younger Explorers joined the Scouts on their Summer Camp to Switzerland and had an amazing time in the Swiss Alps. I was extremely grateful to Robin, Nicholas and Ruaridh for organising the Explorer programme

at this camp and looking after the Explorers so well, in addition to all the 145th Leaders who supported the trip and made it happen.

The second adventure involved 9 members of the Unit embarking on their Explorer Belt Expedition to Vancouver Island, Canada. This was our third expedition to Canada in 7 years. The Explorer Belt is a 10 day self-led expedition was a truly remarkable experience for all involved and by the time you read this the 9 Explorers will have made their final presentation and will have been awarded their Explorer Belts.



Congratulations to Jaqueson Battersby-Campbell, Archie Crawford, Shaun Gaffney, Hamzah Hanif, Niall Hanvidge, Thomas McCarthy, Thomas Priest, Eashan Rakhra and Andrew Richardson on achieving this award.

I would like to finish by thanking Gillian Caldwell, Robin McCall, Ruaridh Mackay and Nicholas Stewart for their support and input to the Explorer Scout programme over the last year.

Kenneth Robertson
EXPLORER SCOUT LEADER

GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT

You will see, from reading the various Section reports, that it has been another very busy and varied year in 35th Glasgow and Pegasus ESU. As always, I must pass on sincere thanks to all our adult leaders, together with their partners and families, for all the time and effort they put into Scouting, on evenings, at weekends and during periods of annual leave. I know that everything they do is greatly appreciated, by the parents of our young members, and this annual collated report is certainly an impressive record of achievements. Thanks too, to the Young Leaders, from Pegasus Explorer Scout Unit and from the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, who assist with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts each week. They add a very important dimension to our youth involvement work and their contributions are greatly valued.

Year on year, it makes me proud, as I reflect on such a wide range of activities and all the new opportunities that our members have been able to experience, from Beavers through to Explorers. It is rewarding to watch how the young people develop as they move through the Sections. Scouting offers many transferable skills for life and helps develop well rounded, responsible citizens. Last year, the National Child Development Study also concluded that participation in Scouting and Guiding, as a young person, resulted in significantly better mental health in adult life. The authors of the study put this down to the learning of 'soft skills' such as teamwork and self-reliance, coupled with participation in outdoor activities. We are delighted to offer your children these chances, within our programmes.



In February, we were delighted to welcome Fhionna Robertson, as our new Cub Scout Leader aka Akela. Fhi is no stranger to the 35th and was, in fact, our Scout Leader prior to spending a number of years in England. This has made a great difference, but we could still do so much more and involve even more young people, if we had a greater number of adult volunteers, to help with each of the Sections, especially the Scout Troop. Every week, we turn away 3-4 potential new members.

Adults can volunteer within The Scout Association, from the age of 18, and we undertake to train them in their role, whether that be within a weekly role or on a more flexible volunteering basis. Please help spread the word for us and more information is available from any of our leaders.

My thanks also go to the members of our Group Executive Committee, who continue to support our activities and undertake their responsibilities as charity trustees.

Please follow what we get up to, on Twitter @35thGlasgow and on our Facebook page '35th Glasgow Scout Group'. I hope we will continue to enjoy your support during the year ahead.

Gillian Caldwell
Group Scout Leader

35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group

Annual Report & Financial Statements

for the

Year ended 31 August 2017

Charity No SC032888

**35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group
Trustees' Annual Report
Year ended 31 August 2017**

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 2017.

Name & 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 & Purpose

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 purpose 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 Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Trustees

Jennifer Nesbitt	Chairman
Deborah Nesbitt	Secretary
Amy Miller	Treasurer
James Meneeley	Group Executive Member
Gillian Caldwell	Group Scout Leader
Karen Imrie	Asst Group Scout Leader
Heather Nilsen-Nygaard	Beaver Scout Leader
Fhionna Robertson	Cub Scout Leader (From 19/02/17)
Gary Bainbridge	Scout Leader

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

Activities & Achievements

During the year the Group has undertaken a range of activities, in line with the Balanced Programme of the Scout Association. This has included a number of residential experiences for Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts.

Results for the year

There was a deficit this year due to a committee decision not to fundraise. In addition, less money was raised from the 50 club lottery scheme due to participants withdrawing, which ceased with effect from 31st

Reserves Policy

The Trustees believe that around 24 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 expenditure on events or equipment.

Approved by the Group Executive Committee on 18/09/17 and signed on its behalf by :-



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Group Scout Leader

**35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group
Independent Examiner's Report
Year ended 31 August 2017**

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 2017 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 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.

(signature) 

(qualifications) Chartered Accountant

(address) 14 Eastwood Avenue, Giffnock, G46 6LR

(date) 02/10/17

**35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group
Receipts & Payments Account
Year ended 31 August 2017**

	Note	2016-17	2015-16
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary Income			
Subscriptions	3	1,981.00	2,087.50
Tax Recovered - Gift Aid		879.46	1,670.21
Donations		19.17	202.30
Fund-Raising Activities	4	656.00	1,336.00
Group Activities			
Section Programme Events		1,617.00	2,077.85
Investment Income			
Bank Interest		0.00	0.00
Total Receipts		5152.63	7373.86
PAYMENTS			
Cost of Fundraising	5	328.00	870.00
Group Activities			
Programme Activities		3,465.85	3,646.61
Badges/Handbooks & Uniform		493.67	535.05
Leader Training		5.00	0.00
Equipment Purchase & Maintenance		0.00	0.00
Premises	6	1,011.70	899.98
Management & Administration Costs		206.58	385.88
Total Payments		5,510.80	6,337.52
Surplus (Deficit) for year		(358.17)	1,036.34

**35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group
Statement of Balances
Year ended 31 August 2017**

	2016-17	2015-16
Cash & Bank Balances (Unrestricted)		
Balance as at 01/09/16	7,310.51	6,274.17
Surplus for the year	-358.17	1,036.34
Balance as at 31/08/17	<u>6,952.34</u>	<u>7,310.51</u>
Bank Current Account	6,952.34	7,310.51
	<u>6,952.34</u>	<u>7,310.51</u>

Other Assets

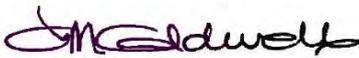
The Group owns a range of camping equipment, a camping trailer and various kilts.

Liabilities

The Group has no liabilities.

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

Approved by the Group Executive Committee on 18/09/17 and signed on its behalf by:-



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Group Scout Leader



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Treasurer

35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group
Notes to the Accounts
Year ended 31 August 2017

2016-17 2015-16

1 Funds

The Group maintains a single undesignated general fund for all its financial transactions.

2 Trustees Remuneration & Expenses

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year (2016-17: Nil)

3 Subscription Income

Beavers	1,392.00	1,370.50
Cubs	1,104.00	1,446.00
Scout Troop	1,253.00	871.00
	<u>3,749.00</u>	<u>3,687.50</u>
Less: Subs Transferred to Explorer Unit	26.00	0.00
Less: Paid to Scout Headquarters	1,742.00	1,600.00
	<u>1,981.00</u>	<u>2,087.50</u>

4 Fund Raising Income

50 Club	656.00	936.00
Guide Dog Sponsorship	0.00	330.50
Gift Aid recovery relating to Guide Dogs	0.00	69.50
	<u>656.00</u>	<u>1,336.00</u>

5 Cost of Fund Raising

50 Club	328.00	470.00
Guide Dog Sponsorship	0.00	400.00
	<u>328.00</u>	<u>870.00</u>

6 Premises

Cleaning	0.00	0.00
Heating & Lighting	0.00	0.00
Insurance	127.05	124.71
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00
Hall Lets	884.65	775.27
	<u>1,011.70</u>	<u>899.98</u>