35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group

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Annual Report and Financial Statements 2025-26

Scouts
35th Glasgow
(Crookfur)

35TH GLASGOW (CROOKFUR) SCOUT COUNCIL

Minutes of the 44th AGM held on Thursday 6 November 2025

1. **Introduction and welcome**

   Chair made opening remarks.

   Welcomed members of the Group Scout Council and guests, including Stuart Imrie, District Chair and **39 attendees**

2. **Apologies for absence**

   We received apologies from **4** people

3. **Governance topics**

   3a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12th December 2024

   Chair: The Trustee Board had reviewed the minutes of the previous year's AGM at the meeting held on 12th May 2025. Proposed that the minutes were taken as read and asked the Group Scout Council to agree that they represented a true record of that meeting.

   Approved. No Objections. No abstentions.

   3b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)

   Chair: In line with the recommendation from The Scout Association, the Group Trustee Board proposed we adopt the model constitution for a Scout Group from Chapter 5d.1 of Policy, Organisation and Rules. A copy of this was sent out prior to this meeting, along with the annual report, and copies were also available at the meeting.

   Approved. No Objections. No abstentions.

   3c. Note the Group's financial year

   Chair: Asked that the Group Scout Council members please note our charity's financial year was **1 August to 31 July**.

   3d. Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council

   Chair noted that the Group Scout Council could admit other people to membership. Chair advised that **Yvonne Chalmers** was being nominated as a Group Scout Council member, in addition to those on the ex officio membership list.

   Approved. No Objections. No abstentions.

   3e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board

   Chair: Scout rules state that Trustee Boards should have a minimum of 5, and no more than 12, Trustees in total, including ex officio and co-opted Trustees.

   The outgoing Trustee Board recommended that 9 people be appointed, **not** including the Group Lead Volunteer, who was an ex officio member.

   Approved. No Objections. No abstentions.

   3f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)

   Chair: The outgoing Trustee Board recommended the quorum should be set at **12 people** for future meetings of the Group Scout Council.

   Approved. No Objections. No abstentions.

4. **Review of the previous year**
   4a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of the 35th Glasgow

Chair asked the Group Lead Volunteer to present their Annual Review.

Group Lead Volunteer gave their review.

Chair thanked Group Lead Volunteer for their review.

4b. Receive and consider the Group Trustees' Annual Report including the annual Statement of Accounts

Chair noted the Group Trustee Board had prepared the Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Accounts and had received and considered the report on the accounts from the Independent Examiner.

Chair asked the Group Treasurer to give an overview of the Statement of Accounts.

Treasurer described key points from the Statement of Accounts.

Chair invited questions from the floor regarding the Trustees' Annual Report, and the Annual Accounts. There were no questions at this time.

Chair thanked the Treasurer for completing the Statement of Accounts and for all their work during the year.

5. **Making appointments**

Chair: Use this part of the meeting to organise the set-up of the charity until the next AGM. A Trustee Board would be appointed to oversee good governance for the charity over the next year. This included re-appointing Trustees whose initial terms had ended.

5a. Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendations from the open selection process by the Group Trustee Board

Chair explained the open selection process agreed by the Trustee Board – social media campaign and information sent to all parents. The Trustee Board's recommendation to the Group Scout Council was that Yvonne Chalmers should be appointed as Group Treasurer for 3 years.

Approved. No Objections. No abstentions.

5b. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process

Chair - The recommendation to the Group Scout Council was that the following should be appointed as members of the Group Trustee Board, each for three years:

Karen Imrie, Iain Jamieson

Approved. No Objections. No abstentions.

Chair thanked the Trustees and Deborah Reid, the Trustee Board Administrator, for their work during the year and, in particular, Stephen Parker, who had been our Treasurer for more than 8 years and was standing down.

5c. Appoint the Independent Examiner

Treasurer stated that Allan Gibson CA would also like to stand down, after 10 years as our Independent Examiner. The Trustee Board was actively pursuing the appointment of a new, suitably qualified Independent Examiner.

Chair asked for the Group Scout Council's permission for the Trustee Board to appoint an appropriately qualified Independent Examiner.

Approved. No Objections. No abstentions.

6. **Closing remarks**

Chair closed the AGM, thanking everyone for attending and outlined the arrangements for the rest of the event.

BEAVERS

This year the Beavers earned an amazing 333 badges! Here is what they did...

We started the year welcoming new Beavers into our Colony and tackling all things problem solving, including a human knot. We then moved onto to learning about healthy eating and our wellbeing, focusing on teeth brushing skills and food plates. We also learned about disabilities as part of our Disability Awareness badge, which involved learning some Makaton and finding out about guide dogs. A highlight of the first term was a visit from a local doctor, who taught us some first aid, as part of our Emergency Aid Stage 2 badge - from how to manage a burn to calling 999. We then created our own code of conduct and invested our new Beavers.





Looking at November, we learned all about Scotland and created our own tartans by paper weaving. We also designed our own aeroplanes and learned about the different job roles on an aircraft, as part of our Air Activities Stage 1 badge. We visited 'Little Lab Investigators', where we mixed our own slime and used chemistry to generate volcanic eruptions, as part of our Experiment badge. The next few evenings involved, a PJ party for Hallowe'en, our Group AGM and creating autumn-themed nature pictures with leaves. We learned and developed our knot tying skills and did some more problem solving in teams, as part of our Skills Challenge. Moving into December, we created Christmas calendars for a local care home, as gifts from our Beavers at Christmas This tied into our World Challenge and helped us give back to our community. We also enjoyed an outing to 'Sporty Kids' for a Christmas party and created our own Christmas door hangers and sticker dot creations.

In the New Year, we started by asking the children what they would like to do at Beavers, through a Beaver 'log chew'. We enjoyed a Lego night, when the Beavers built their own machines, and we also held a Burns night, learning all about Scottish landmarks, dancing and tasting some traditional Scottish food, such as oatcakes. In February we learned about the Winter Olympics in Italy and practised our neckie-rolling and shoelace tying, towards our Skills Challenge. We also learned about the Lunar New Year, creating our own lanterns, and worked towards the Space badge, from learning about different planets to all things rockets.






Into March, we made Mother's Day crafts and created our own mini gardens, which the Beavers decorated however they wanted, from Lego people to fake insects. We also started our Navigator Stage 1 badge, learning about a compass, various map symbols and what they mean. In April we made

chocolate crispy nests and took part in egg and spoon races for Easter. We also took part in the family sponsored walk, at Whitelee Windfarm. After the holidays, we visited Rouken Glen, where we used our navigation skills to get from one side of the park to the other. We also undertook some wildlife spotting, while playing animal bingo.

The Beavers attended Eastwood District's Beaver Fun day, where they took part in lots of activities - crafts, playing on inflatables, creating their own dens, learning to start a fire, toasting marshmallows, trying soft archery, enjoying a tug of war, taking part in a wide game and much more. As this was with the wider Eastwood District, they were able to meet and talk to Beavers from different Groups too.





We ended a busy April by getting to know each other, as we had some new Beavers join us. May started with a trip to the local allotments, where the Beavers learned about the local wildlife and the process of growing plants, which even involved them planting their own. We then learned about the Green Cross Code and all the different safety signs within St Cadoc's, such as the wet floor sign and fire exit sign.

Another highlight of the year followed, in the form of our Beaver Sleepover with the Maidenhill Beavers, at Eaglesham Scout Hall. During this, the Beavers played games, visited the local play park, slept in tents inside the hall and created their own pizzas, to name but a few things.





During the remainder of May, the Beavers worked towards the Cyclist badge and spent some time finding different insects and plants on a woodland trail. In June, the Beavers learned about the Commonwealth Games, which were due to be held in Glasgow, took part in the Family Fun evening and ended the year with a Games Night, in the hall.



I want to thank my fellow leaders and young leaders, Preeti, Laura, Gemma, Euan D, Lucy and Euan M, for everything they have done over the past year - helping to plan and run nights and providing support. A special thanks also to Gillian and Karen, members of our Group Leadership Team, for everything they do for us.

Jade Thompson

Beaver Leadership Team

It’s been another great year at Cubs! From playing life-size Cubopoly on the streets of Glasgow to piloting a boat at Lochgoilhead, the Cubs have had another busy, noisy and laughter-filled year. They've learned new skills, tried new foods, and asked plenty of curious questions along the way, and they've come out the other side with some brilliant memories.

This year our Cubs earned 342 badges in total, which included 98 Challenge Badges. Sixteen of the Cubs achieved their Chief Scout's Silver Award. This badge takes a huge amount of effort, and achieving it shows commitment, creativity and a willingness to try new things. Completing all 7 Challenge Badges and (many more than the required) 6 activity badges, Nilesh, Rory, Ossian, James, Finlay, Michael, Christian, Edward, Ewan, Emma Rose, Anna, Gregor, Andrew, Joshua and Erin all achieved this top award. We're really proud of you all. Well done!







The Cubs covered a wide array of badges throughout the year. The Skills challenge taught some everyday skills like how to lay a table and how to make a cup of tea (we definitely created some tea-addicts!), as well as some brand-new ones like building turbos for car engines! The World Challenge took the Cubs around the globe without leaving the hall when a visit from a Tunisian guest brought Tunisian culture to life through videos and stories, and the Cubs tried a new food, couscous.

With the Naturalist badge the Cubs learned about nature around Crookfur, witnessing the changes in the plants and animals through the seasons. The Chef badge had the Cubs making pancakes and cooking in hot coals. The Artist badge let them experiment with different mediums, and with the Creative section of the Skills Challenge they wrote short stories and designed book covers for them. At our Pack Forums, the Cubs told us what they like, what they don't, and what they'd love to do next, which helps us plan a programme they'll love. An evening at Eastwood Allotments taught the Cubs about growing and food sustainability. They planted some plants and even took home free wild garlic. A huge thank you to Deborah for hosting us - it was a fantastic evening.







It's the big events that really make the best memories though. First up was Cubopoly where the Cubs roamed the streets of Glasgow, playing as the pieces in Monopoly, finding landmarks and taking photos with them. Out of all the Cub packs who entered, the 35th were the winners, and they did it after 10.5 miles of walking! The Cubs Adventure day at Auchengillan Scout Centre was an action-packed chance for the Cubs to take part in many outdoor activities like sledging, kayaking and archery and earn their Adventure Challenge badge.

Our camp with the Scouts at Scout Adventures Lochgoilhead was incredible, and for once the weather was on our side! The Cubs went hiking in the sun, kayaking and climbing, piloted a boat, and finished the weekend with a round of songs around the campfire with Cubs and Scouts from other Districts.





A huge thank you to Barbara, Allan, Colin and Mark and to our Young leaders, Calum and Isaac. Week after week they give up their free time to plan and deliver a fun, engaging and meaningful programme to help our young people learn and grow and we're so grateful for everything they do. Mark has now left the team. We want to thank him for all his enthusiasm and hard work, and to wish him all the best for the future.

We can't wait to see what new adventures await this year, but one thing's for sure: it'll be filled with friendship, laughter and lots of new badges. Here's to another brilliant year in Cubs!

Ashley Miller

Cub Team Leader





It's been another fantastic year for the 35th Scouts, filled with new experiences, practical skills, community involvement and plenty of adventures. From welcoming new members and developing young leaders to getting outdoors and enjoying time together at camp, there's been lots to celebrate across the Troop.

Welcoming everyone back after the summer, we kicked off the year with a focus on the wider Scouting family and the world around us. Scouts designed postcards to send to other Scouts overseas, hoping to make new connections and learn more about Scouting in different countries. It was a great opportunity to explore different cultures and understand how Scouting brings young people together around the world.

We also marked Black Lives Matter by watching *Cool Runnings* and using the film as a starting point for discussions around racism, equality, discrimination and inclusion. These conversations encouraged Scouts to think about how we treat others and the importance of making sure everyone feels welcome and respected within our community. There was plenty of practical activity too, including making vegetable pakora and developing our cooking skills. It was great to see Scouts getting involved, trying something different and enjoying the results of their efforts!

Winter was another busy term, with a mixture of volunteering, practical skills and traditional Scouting activities. Our Scouts got involved in supporting the wider District by helping distribute recruitment leaflets around Maidenhill. This was part of an area initiative to recruit adult volunteers and help open a new Beaver Colony in Eastwood District. It was a valuable opportunity for our young people to see how volunteering helps Scouting grow and creates opportunities for more young people in the local community.

We also dedicated two evenings to completing our Fire Safety Badge. Scouts learned about fire safety and prevention before putting their knowledge into practice with supervised fire lighting activities. Of course, no campfire evening would be complete without marshmallows and a few campfire songs!







Our Patrol Leaders also stepped up to take on more responsibility, teaching Scout skills to our younger members. These sessions helped younger Scouts develop their confidence and work towards their Skills and Team Leader Challenge Badges, while giving our Patrol Leaders the opportunity to develop their own leadership and mentoring skills.

Spring brought plenty of activity, with a fantastic mix of camps, cooking, learning and opportunities to develop new skills. We started the year with a joint camp at the 171st Scout Hall, joining both of their Troops for a weekend of shared activities and Scouting fun. It was a great opportunity to meet Scouts from another group, build friendships and enjoy time together outside our usual weekly meetings.

We also marked Hassan's final evening with the Troop by hosting a special 'Health with Dr Hassan' night. This gave Scouts the opportunity to learn about health and wellbeing in an engaging way, while giving us a chance to thank Hassan for his contribution to the 35th before he left to continue his medical

studies at the University of Cambridge. We wish him every success with his studies and future career in medicine.

Cooking continued to be a popular feature of our programme. Scouts tried their hand at making sushi, enjoyed some pancake making and celebrated Burns Night with a traditional haggis-themed cooking session. These evenings gave everyone the chance to develop practical cooking skills, try new foods and explore different food traditions and cultures.





Summer brought some of the biggest highlights of the year, with opportunities to get outdoors, work with other groups and put our Scouting skills into practice. In April, we finally managed to hold our rescheduled group sponsored walk at Whitelee Windfarm.

We also enjoyed a visit to the allotment, where Deborah, Amelia's mum, kindly gave up her time to welcome the Scouts and share her knowledge. It was a great opportunity to get outdoors, learn more about growing food and discover where some of our food comes from. A huge thank you to Deborah for making the evening possible!

With camp season approaching, we spent time refreshing our practical camping skills, practising tent pitching and fire lighting.





May brought two fantastic opportunities to get together with other Sections and Groups. First, we headed to Lochgoilhead for a joint camp with our Cubs. We had 24 Scouts attend, making the most of everything the centre had to offer. From getting out on the water and challenging themselves on the high ropes to taking part in team games and experiencing dormitory living, there was something for everyone. It was a fantastic opportunity to build confidence, develop teamwork and strengthen friendships between our sections.

Our Scouts also joined young people from across the District at Pollok Park, for a District Patrol Challenge. Working together in their patrols, they took on a series of challenges designed to test their teamwork, communication, problem-solving and leadership skills. It was a great opportunity to meet Scouts from other Groups, put their skills into practice and enjoy some friendly competition.

This year has seen an incredible amount of effort, commitment and achievement across the Troop. In total, our Scouts earned 65 Challenge Badges, 27 Activity Badges, 8 Staged Badges, 5 Chief Scout's Gold Awards, 26 YouShape Awards and **t**oo many Nights Away Awards to count!






We were particularly delighted to see five Scouts achieve their Chief Scout's Gold Award, our highest award in the Scout section. Huge congratulations to Fraser C, Aaron H, Robert G, Lachlan W and Rohan M on this fantastic achievement. A special mention goes to Rohan, who, despite only being with the 35th for two and a half years, showed tremendous commitment and determination to catch up with the programme and achieve his Gold Award. His hard work is a fantastic example of what can be achieved with dedication and enthusiasm.

Our 26 YouShape Awards are another achievement worth celebrating. These awards demonstrate our continued commitment to youth-led Scouting, giving young people the opportunity to shape their own programme, influence decisions and take ownership of their Scouting experience.

As always, I want to say a huge thank you goes to our dedicated team; Stuart and Tash. Your time, energy and commitment continue to make the 35th a fantastic place for our young people to learn, grow and challenge themselves. We wish Tash all the very best as she heads off to welcome her first son! As mentioned, Hassan leaves us for Cambridge, and we wish him all the best and thanks!

Finally, thank you to all our Scouts and their families for another brilliant year. Whether you've been earning badges, helping others, trying something completely new or simply turning up each week ready for an adventure, you've all played a part in making this such a successful year.

Stacey Portelly

Scout Team Leader

Pegasus Explorer Scout Unit is a joint Unit between the 35th (Crookfur), 79th (Stamperland) and 145th (Giffnock) Groups, meeting at Giffnock United Reformed Church. The Unit continues to be one of the strongest in the District, with over 40 members.

The Explorers have had a very active year and have enjoyed activities indoors and outdoors, at home and abroad. In the first term we had fun doing Taskmaster challenges, learning about disabilities, cooking 'fakeaways', enjoying Explorer-led international evenings and channelling our inner Bond - James Bond! We again welcomed Shailly Sardana, who led us in an evening of Bollywood dancing, to coincide with Diwali, and we enjoyed nights away from the hall 10-pin bowling, pottery painting, kayaking and bouldering. Eleven of our Explorers, who are also Young Leaders, attended a District Training Weekend at Auchengillan, in November.





After Christmas, we undertook an Apprentice challenge, developing and marketing ranges of sweet and savoury popcorn; we worked on Promise activities with the 145th Cubs, learned camping and navigation skills, crafted and then performed with our own skiffle bands and created delicious dessert tapas. We made our annual pilgrimage to the west end of the city for 'Where's Wally?' and finished the term at Braehead, cheering on Glasgow Clan in a fast-paced ice hockey contest against Dundee Stars.





In the summer term, our older Explorers were sitting exams so couldn't always make it along, but with such a big Unit there was plenty scope to continue with a full programme. We got creative with duct tape, produced stop-motion animations, held a mock election, made coke can stoves, held our own Commonwealth Games evening, enjoyed a Mr Whippy ice cream challenge and rounded off the year with a visit to Riddle Rooms in Glasgow, where each group managed to solve the various puzzles and escape from their allocated room on time.






The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, continued to be a focus for many of our Explorers, given it aligns closely to Explorer top awards. We held a number of training evenings during the year and successfully ran a Silver Qualifying expedition in Arran, in August, a Silver Practice between Lapwing Lodge and Eaglesham and a Gold Practice from Auldhouse, near East Kilbride, to Newton Mearns - via Fenwick, Stewarton, Dunlop and Uplawmoor, both in April, and a Bronze expedition between Killin and Kilmahog, in May. We were indebted to Lenzie Explorers for welcoming our Gold team onto their Qualifying expedition, walking from Balmoral Castle to Blair Castle and finishing at the 40th International Patrol Jamborette, in July. Congratulations to everyone who successfully completed DofE expeditions during the year.








The Unit has always put strong emphasis on International activities and, this year, we were delighted to have sixteen Explorers undertake an Explorer Belt expedition on Vancouver Island, in July. This was the culmination of around 18 months of preparation, which involved a training weekend at Auchengillan, various training days and evenings, a full day of First Aid training and a Practice Expedition on Arran, in September 2025. In Canada, the four teams undertook independent expeditions over an 11-day period, interacting with locals, undertaking projects, camping, budgeting, cooking and moving around on cycles, local buses and on foot. They have now made their final presentations to assessors and families and have been awarded the prestigious Explorer Belt.

During the year, we have recognised the achievements of many Explorers. Our wholehearted congratulations to the following young people:

DofE Bronze Awards: Raunak Chaudhury, Thomas Findlay, Luke Gray, Luke Hendry, Jonathan Leung, Euan McNaught, Ida Royle and Jameela Touseef.

DofE Silver Awards: Aaditya Bhattacharjee, Calum Fewkes, Maxime Gressard Rudge, Sai Kotapati, Kai Parker and Alex Pollock.

Young Leader Belt: Gemma McNaught.

Chief Scout's Platinum Award: Raunak Chaudhury

Chief Scout's Diamond Award: Calum Fewkes, Kai Parker, Maxime Gressard Rudge, Alex Pollock.

Explorer Belt: Aaditya Bhattacharjee, Paul Birrell, Raunak Chaudhury, Ryan Craig, Euan Davidson, Calum Fewkes, Jamie Gray, Maxime Gressard Rudge, Rory MacLeod, Ewan McBride, Amy Motherwell, Kai Parker, Alex Pollock, Oliver Sinclair and Ryan Yung.

We held a range of fundraising events, including the Tartan Ramble, manning a Water Station at the Great Scottish Run, Soup and Santa, bag packing in Waitrose and Morrisons, a Quiz and Curry Night and a Race Night. Many thanks to everyone who supported these events – they wouldn't be successful

without you.









Running such a varied and exciting programme is only possible with the massive commitment of our volunteer leaders, and I'd like to express my thanks to Alasdair Keane, Scott Adams, Thomas Crooks and Kenneth Robertson for their hard work and dedication in supporting our Explorer Scouts. At the end of the session, Alasdair stepped down as Explorer Team Leader, as he is no longer living in Glasgow. Our sincere thanks go to him, for everything he has done for Pegasus over the past 8 years and, in particular, as Team Leader since 2022. Congratulations to Thomas, who was awarded the Chief Scout's 10-years Length of Service Award, during the year.

Gillian Caldwell

EXPLORER TEAM MEMBER

Group Lead Volunteer's Report

The 35th Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and Pegasus Explorer Scouts have all had another busy and successful year, with plenty of opportunities for our young people to try new experiences, develop their skills, make new friends and, most importantly, have fun.

One of the highlights of the year has been the range of camps and outdoor adventures enjoyed by our sections. These experiences give our young people the opportunity to challenge themselves, build confidence, develop independence and create memories that will hopefully stay with them for many years. Whether trying something new, working as part of a team or simply enjoying time around a campfire, these are some of the experiences that make Scouting so special.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our family sponsored walk, in April. It was fantastic to see so many families getting involved and coming together for the event. These occasions are not only a great opportunity to raise valuable funds for the Group but also help build a sense of community that makes our Scout Group special.





It has been extremely rewarding to celebrate the achievements of 41 young people who have worked hard to gain their top awards – 20 Beavers, 16 Cubs and 5 Scouts. These awards represent considerable commitment, determination and enthusiasm, and we are extremely proud of everyone who has achieved them. They are a fantastic reflection of what young people can accomplish when given the encouragement and opportunities to succeed.

Of course, none of this would be possible without our adult volunteers. This year we have had the pleasure of recognising adults who have given outstanding service. These awards are a reminder of the dedication, time and commitment that so many people give, sometimes quietly and behind the scenes. Congratulations to Stuart Grimes on receiving the Award for Merit, Ashley Miller on receiving the 15-years Length of Service Award and Barbara Fewkes and receiving the 10-years Length of Service Award. Their contribution to our Group and to generations of young people deserves to be recognised and celebrated.





Adult volunteering is, however, an area where we still need to focus our attention, going forward. We have a fantastic programme of activities and opportunities for our young people, but delivering all of this relies on a relatively small number of dedicated volunteers. During the year we welcomed Allan Mitchell to our Cub Team and Preeti Merrifield and Gemma McNaught to our Beaver Team. At the end of the session, if only temporarily in some cases, we bade farewell to Hassan Ismahel, Tash Rashed and Mark Fraser, and thank them sincerely for their contributions.

To keep offering the camps, activities, adventures and experiences that make Scouting so worthwhile, we need more adults to come forward and get involved. You don't need to have previous Scouting experience or know how to tie knots! We need people with different skills, interests and abilities, and there are lots of ways to help, whether that's on a regular basis or occasionally. I would really encourage anyone who has considered getting involved to have a conversation with us. Even a little extra help can make a huge difference, not just to our existing volunteers, but to the opportunities we can offer our young people. We want to continue giving them the experiences and memories that make Scouting so special, but we need more people to help make that happen.







My heartfelt thanks go all our Leaders, Young Leaders, Parent helpers, Trustees and the wider body of parents and supporters. Whether you volunteer every week, help at camps and events, provide transport, work behind the scenes, support fundraising or lend a hand when needed, every contribution makes a difference. Scouting is very much a team effort, and the success of our Group belongs to everyone who plays a part in it.

Finally, I want to thank our young people for their enthusiasm, energy and willingness to get involved. They are, after all, the reason we do what we do.

Please follow what we get up to in the year ahead, on Instagram @35thglasgowscouts and on Facebook @35thGlasgowScouts. Follow our Explorers too, to see what opportunities await from the age of 14 years, on Facebook or on Instagram @PESUGlasgow.

Gillian Caldwell

GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER

35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group



Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the

year ended 31 July 2026

Charity No SC032888

35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group
Trustees' Annual Report
Year ended 31 July 2026

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 July 2026

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		Iain Jamieson	Trustee
Stephen Parker	Treasurer	until 06/11/2025	Matthew Paton	Trustee
Yvonne Chalmers	Treasurer	from 07/11/2025	Preeti Merrifield	Trustee
Suzanne Cotton	Trustee		Hassan Ismahel	Trustee
Kari Gillies	Trustee		Gillian Caldwell	Group Lead Volunteer
Karen Imrie	Trustee			

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

Activities and Achievements

This year, our young people participated in a wide variety of activities, structured around the Scouts Award schemes. 41 young people gained Chief Scout's Awards - 20 Beavers, 16 Cubs and 5 Scouts. All Sections attended camps in May; 11 Beavers attended a Sleepover in Eaglesham, jointly with Maidenhill Beavers, and 40 Cubs and Scouts enjoyed a fantastic activity weekend at Scout Adventures Lochgoilhead. In addition, our older Scouts joined the 171st Glasgow Scouts, for a winter weekend indoors, in January. 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 and we held a Family Sponsored Walk at Whitelee Windfarm, as a Group fundraising initiative. The Trustee Board met on four occasions to consider the priorities of the Group, review our risk register and to provide strong governance of finances, safety and safeguarding.

Results for the year

The accounts show a surplus of £1,077.59 for 2025-26 compared with a surplus of £1,605.02 the previous year. The Group again received £780.00 (£1,360 in the previous year) in grant funding from the Allander Youth Activities Charitable Trust, which paid for adventurous activities at camp, enabling the cost of camp to be more affordable. The vast majority of parents have completed Gift Aid declarations, which allows the Group to make a significant claim 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 2 November 2026 and signed on its behalf by :-

Theresa McGrattan
Chair

35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group
Independent Examiner's Report
Year ended 31 July 2026

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 July 2026 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 2008 ("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 Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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.

Alasdair Cairns
Chartered Accountant
East Kilbride, G74 5QH
04 November 2026

35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group
Receipts & Payments Account
Year ended 31 July 2026

	Note	2025-26	2024-25
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary Income			
Subscriptions	3	**3,764.00**	**4,012.50**
Tax Recovered - Gift Aid		**1,883.75**	**1,932.50**
Fund-Raising Activites			
Easy-fundraising		**0.00**	**77.93**
Sponsored walk		**1,646.98**	**0.00**
Group Activities			
Grants		**780.00**	**1,360.00**
Scout Programme Events		**8,960.00**	**6,787.00**
Investment Income			
Bank Interest		**0.00**	**0.00**
Total Receipts		**17,034.73**	**14,169.93**
PAYMENTS			
Cost of Fundraising			
Group Activities			
Programme Activities		**12,106.78**	**9,168.24**
Badges & Uniform		**1,001.37**	**908.34**
Leader Training		**0.00**	**0.00**
Equipment Purchase & Insurance		**687.50**	**550.26**
Hall Lets		**1,139.75**	**1,119.75**
Management & Administration Costs		**1,021.74**	**818.32**
Total Payments		**15,957.14**	**12,564.91**
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		**1,077.59**	**1,605.02**

35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group
Statement of Balances
Year ended 31 July 2026

	2025-26	2024-25
Cash & Bank Balances (Unrestricted)		
Balance as at 01/08/25	**11,530.13**	**9,925.11**
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	**1,077.59**	**1,605.02**
Balance as at 31/07/26	**12,607.72**	**11,530.13**
Bank Current Account	**12,555.64**	**11,530.13**
Expense account	**52.08**	
	12,607.72	**11,530.13**

Other Assets

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

Liabilities
The Group has no liabilities at 31 July 2026.

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

Approved by the Group Trustee Board on 2 November 2026, and signed on its behalf by:-

Theresa McGrattan **Yvonne Chalmers**
Chair **Treasurer**

35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group
Notes to the Accounts
Year ended 31 July 2026

	2025-26	2024-25

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 (2024-25: Nil)

3 Subscription Income

Beavers	**2,480.00**	**2,490.00**
Cubs	**3,110.00**	**2,850.00**
Scout Troop	**2,500.00**	**2,880.00**
	8,090.00	**8,220.00**
Less: Paid to Scout Headquarters	**4,326.00**	**4,207.50**
	3,764.00	**4,012.50**