



**WELCOME TO OUR WINTERFEST  
FAMILY EVENING AND  
34TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015  
IN CROOKFUR PRIMARY SCHOOL**

1. Welcome and opening remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Approval of Minutes of 33rd A.G.M. (enclosed)
4. Approval of Annual Reports (enclosed)
5. Approval of Accounts for 2014-15 (enclosed)
6. Appointments for 2015-16
7. A.O.C.B.

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35<sup>th</sup> Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group  
Minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014  
Crookfur Primary School, Newton Mearns

Welcome

Gillian Caldwell welcomed everyone including Jimmy Paterson, District Commissioner, David Hall, Deputy District Commissioner, Gordon Jack, Asst Explorer Scout Leader and Lindsay Sharp AGSL of 145<sup>th</sup> Glasgow Scout Group.

Apologies

Apologies were noted from Kenneth Robertson, Explorer Scout Leader and Brendan Harris, GSL of 145<sup>th</sup> Glasgow Scout Group.

Minutes of 32<sup>nd</sup> AGM 2013

The minutes of the previous AGM were circulated at the meeting. The minutes were proposed by Amy Miller, seconded by Kirsty Murchie and approved as an accurate record of the 32<sup>nd</sup> AGM.

Annual Reports

Gillian Caldwell introduced the annual reports and urged all those present to take time to read the reports. The reports highlight the wide variety of activities undertaken by the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Pegasus Explorers.

Gillian also took the opportunity to pay tribute to Elliot Peacock, one of the Explorer Scouts, formerly of 35<sup>th</sup>, who tragically died in the summer whilst on a trip to Italy with the Pegasus Explorer Unit. Elliot was also a Young Leader with the 35<sup>th</sup> Cub Pack and was with the Pack until the end of June. Gillian highlighted that there was a tribute to Elliot in the AGM booklet.

Gillian summarised by offering thanks on behalf of all Group members and parents to the Leaders and Committee members, who are all volunteers and dedicate their own time to planning activities, training and working with the young people.

Kirsty Murchie will be stepping down as the Group Treasurer and was thanked for her contribution over the past 7 years.

Gillian appealed to all those present to consider helping with the Sections as a 'Section Assistant'. The commitment would not amount to any more than a few hours each week, and the support would be greatly appreciated. The Group could be flexible if a weekly commitment was not possible.

Approval of the annual reports was proposed by Amy Miller, seconded by Gillian Leitch, formally approved and minuted.

### Annual Accounts

Gillian Caldwell spoke to the Financial Statements. Kirsty Murchie prepared the accounts, which have been audited and approved. Gillian noted that this had been a good year and that the fundraising has resulted in a good surplus of funds this year, all of which will go towards events and activities for the children.

The accounts were proposed by Amy Miller, seconded by Heather Nilsen-Nygaard and approved by the meeting.

### Nominations for the Group Executive for 2014/15

Gillian Caldwell nominated Jennifer Nesbitt to continue as Group Chairman. Jennifer was happy to accept and this was approved by the meeting.

Jennifer Nesbitt proposed that Rachel Fishlock be elected to continue as Group Secretary. Amy Miller was proposed by Jennifer Nesbitt, as Group Treasurer. This was seconded by Kirsty Murchie and both appointments were approved by the meeting.

Heather Nilsen-Nygaard proposed Wendy Lipp, and Wendy Durie be elected as Executive Committee Members. This was seconded by Amy Miller.

Heather Nilsen-Nygaard, Heather Campbell and Gary Bainbridge agreed to be trustees of the Group, as ex officio members of the Group Executive Committee.

Anne Young was thanked for her contribution as the auditor in 2013/14. The Group was seeking to secure a new auditor for 2014/15 and the meeting agreed that a suitable person could be appointed by the Group Executive Committee.

### Any Other Competent Business

The meeting closed with the presentation of a Thanks Badge to Wendy Lipp who had been a Committee Member for over 7 years, keeping the Fifty Club running and making a valuable contribution. The Group wished to express sincere thanks to Wendy.

The meeting was drawn to a close with the presentation of a slide show, depicting a number of the activities that the Group had participated in over the past year.

Rachel Fishlock  
Group Secretary

# BEAVERS



To start the session we were delighted to welcome ten new Beavers into the colony. In September and October, during our weekly meetings, we were working towards completing our Promise Challenge Badge. For this we took part in Log Chews, a Promise Relay, sequencing the promise with an older Beaver and being part of a swim-up ceremony. We said farewell to three of our older Beavers as they swam-up to Cubs. We had a night out at Sporty Kids in Thornliebank on 18<sup>th</sup> September. We had the place to ourselves, so everyone went home with rosy cheeks and a smile on their faces.



For Halloween we had a PJ and Onesie party with lots of musical games and excitement. Everyone designed an outfit for an owl to dress up as for Halloween as a craft activity. In November our AGM had an International theme which helped start off our Friendship Challenge badge and our Global Challenge Badge.



In December we had art and craft sessions, which went towards our Creative Challenge badge. We made personalised Christmas Snowmen and designed patterns on another snowman. We managed to squeeze in one more week before the holidays to have our usual Christmas party with snowball fight and games all planned by the Beavers themselves at a log chew.



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 special Scottish Challenge Badge, 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 Global Challenge badge.



In March we were all very excited about a new adventurous activity that would go towards our “My Adventure” Challenge Badge. This was the very first badge we would be working on as part of the Refreshed badge scheme for Beavers. We visited the climbing wall in Ibrox for an action packed night of climbing to reach the roof of the church steeple.

After Easter we continued our Outdoor Challenge Badge by designing a poster that showed one of the Country Codes. Next we planted flowers, which were given to the elderly residents of Crookfur



Cottage Homes. 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.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support over the last year. I would also like to thank Kit (Morag) for her continued dedication and Heather Turner for her support, without their help we wouldn't be able to run such a varied programme each week.

Finally, I would like to thank Gillian, our Group Scout Leader, who has been there supporting us throughout the year, in the background, and visiting our colony meetings as well. THANKS Gill.

Heather Nilsen-Nygaard

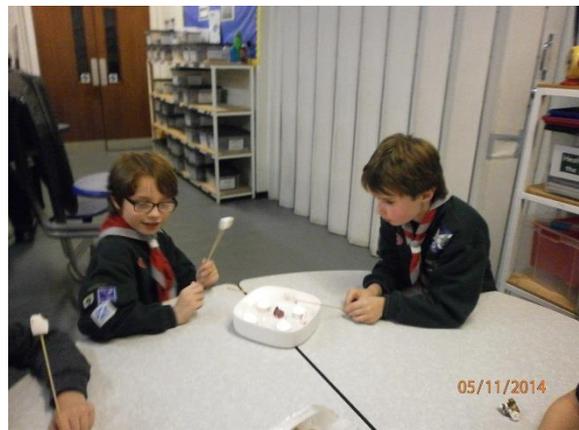
Beaver Scout Leader





We started off the session by saying goodbye to our oldest Cubs, who moved onto Scouts, and we also welcomed a number of new Cubs both from Beavers and elsewhere. The Cubs took advantage of the remaining light nights and ventured outside to collect leaves, make autumn collages and construct bird feeders, to ensure that wild birds were fed over winter. The Cubs also learned about the importance of recycling cans and bottles. This helped the Cubs to work towards their Global and Creative Challenges.

Also in the first term, the Cubs learned about Diwali, visited Clarkston Fire Station, worked on the Communicator badge, had a Hallowe'en Party and learned about fireworks. We also managed to make s'mores indoors. The year ended with a visit to the Harlequin Pantomime 'Aladdin' and our annual Christmas party.



A highlight of the New Year was a visit to Snow Factor at Braehead, when the Cubs enjoyed sledging on the snow slopes. It was a great fun evening for everyone who took part. We made some gifts for Mother's Day and made pancakes, the day after Shrove Tuesday. The Pack rounded off the Spring term on 1<sup>st</sup> April, by having a 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party', and there were certainly a lot of mad hats in evidence!



After Easter, the Cubs welcomed a visitor who told them all about the Renfrewshire Foodbank and

how they could help other people who did not have enough money to feed their families. We were very grateful for the contributions that came for parents thereafter and the foodbank was delighted to receive these items. The Pack made full use of the school grounds too, enjoying rounders and the school's adventure trail.

Our Pack Holiday to Lapwing Lodge, in May, was a great success, despite the terrible weather. Over the weekend the Cubs took part in a wide range of Harry Potter themed activities, including crafts, science, high ropes, archery, a wide game, fire-lighting, tent pitching, obstacle course and tracking.



Many thanks to Cheryl, Ashley and Katie for all their help during the year. All three have now left us, although Ashley is now helping with Scouts. Thanks too to our Young Leaders, Thomas, Hassan, Hamzah and Eashan. They are a great help every week and also at the Pack Holiday. I also want to thank Gillian and Karen for helping us on Wednesday nights and with our planning; also for doing some badges with the boys. It's much appreciated. Thank you.

**Heather Campbell**  
Cub Scout Leader.

# SCOUTS

Madness, indoors, outdoors, different activities, new badges, great young people and a whole lot of fun were the things that came to mind as I tried to sum up another year for the Scout Troop.

During November when the weather doesn't always lend itself to getting outdoors we did some work on our Promise Challenge Award which saw the Scouts debating topical issues.

Scouting of course doesn't just happen in Crookfur, Glasgow or in fact the UK and in November, the Scouts joined in the Peacelight Service in East Kilbride where we thought about how Scouts from across the World could help to make the World a better place as we received a share of the Peacelight which had travelled from Bethlehem.



Adventure is always at the heart of Scouting activities and for the Scouts, this includes introducing them to new activities. In October, we headed for an evening at Glasgow Climbing Centre where the Scouts enjoyed scaling the indoor climbing walls and learning how to safely belay and support each other.

In January, Scouting launched a refreshed programme for our young people and we quickly started to embrace this. New to our programme was the team leader and teamwork awards. These help the Scouts to improve their skills working together in various sized groups. This is done through setting various challenges for the Scouts to work through including human battleships and traditional Scouting skills such as pioneering and chariot racing.



The Scouts made a start on their Skills Challenge award with circuits and fitness activities and we were joined by a Dietician to discuss healthy eating.

In preparation for camping, the Scouts were introduced to different types of stoves for cooking on and we enjoyed inter-Patrol competitions to compare menus and cooking skills on some of our Thursday night activities.

In May, we headed for Lapwing Lodge where the Scouts enjoyed a weekend of practicing their camping skills, pitching tents, cooking and of course spent some time enjoying High Ropes, Archery and the assault course.



In June, we were delighted that said Craig and Callum both received their Chief Scouts Gold Award badges, which is the highest award for our young people.

We finished the session in July by heading off to Great Tower. We camped in the Lake District and enjoyed a week of climbing, archery, backwoods cooking and exploring the local community.



During the session we said goodbye to Thomas, Hamzah, Hassan, Eashan, Callum and Craig who moved up to Explorers and we welcomed Ross, Aidan and Finlay to Scouts.

It's been another fantastic year for the section and I couldn't have done it without the help of many others. At Christmas, Heather headed off to join the Beavers leadership team and we were delighted in early 2015 when Ashley joined us. Thanks must also go to Gillian, Karen and Stuart who have helped Ashley and me at various points during the year.

**Gary Bainbridge**  
Scout Leader

# EXPLORERS<sup>♣</sup>

Explorer Scouting is a District Provision but we are lucky that Pegasus Explorer Scout Unit, a joint Unit between the 35<sup>th</sup> (Crookfur) and ourselves, and we continue to be one of the strongest in the District.

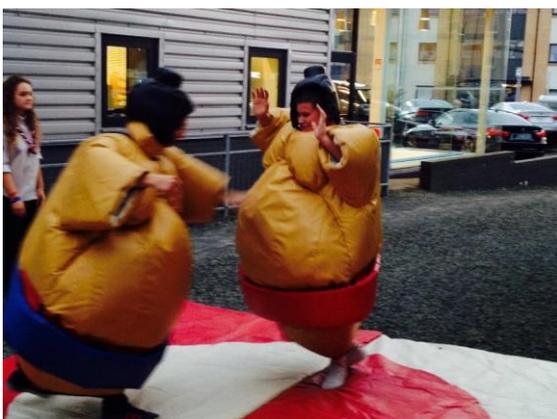
2014-2015 was another extremely busy year for the Unit with an increasingly diverse range of activities taking place both in and outside the hall. The weekly programme included various themed nights, a Come Dine With Me challenge, an entertaining Japanese night (sumo suits and all), outings to the dry ski slope at Bellahouston, Go-Karting, Bubble Football and AirSpace, kayaking, high ropes, night navigation and another very successful Where's Wally challenge, camps to Auchengillan, as well as a special investiture ceremonies at on the Tall Ship.



*Investiture on the Tall Ship*



*Bubble Football*



*Japanese Night*



*Come Dine With Me*

We finished 2014 with a Christmas Camp in mid-December. When we arrived on the Friday night it became Christmas Eve with Santa delivering presents to everyone on Saturday morning then a proper Christmas Dinner complete with the Queen's Speech.

Our first big adventure of 2015 was our Mystery Trip in February where we ended up in Dublin for three days. A fantastic experience visiting the city, including the famous O'Connell Street, a

visit to Croke Park to watch Gaelic Football, Dublin Monopoly and a visit to the Butlers Chocolate Factory. Our thanks to our friends at Scouting Ireland for supporting and helping with our visit.



*Guinness Storehouse*



*Games in Irish Scout Hall*



*Go-Karting at Cambuslang*



*DofE Bronze Qualifying Hike*

We also had a visit to the Tunnock's Factory in Uddingston which was very interesting, as well as giving us the opportunity to taste a range of Tunnock's products!

I would like to finish by thanking Sarah Oxburgh and Andy Lawson who were with us last session as Leaders and to Gordon Jack, who left the Unit in April, to take over Warrior ESU in Clarkston and to Gillian Caldwell for their support and input to the Explorer Scout programme over the last year.

**Kenneth Robertson**  
Explorer Scout Leader

# GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT

From the various Section reports, you will pick up a flavour of the wide range of activities that our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers have enjoyed throughout another Scouting year. It's clear that it has been an action-packed session and I hope you will take some time to read about all that the Group has achieved!

All our leaders, put in a great deal of work as adult volunteers and it would be remiss of me if I did not pay tribute to them, their partners and families for all the time and effort they put into Scouting, on evenings and at weekends. I know that everything they do is greatly appreciated by the parents of our young members and I certainly couldn't cope without them. Three of our leaders, Katie Greer, Cheryl Lindsay and Heather Turner moved on at the end of session 2014/15 and my thanks go to them, for all their work within the Group. As a result, however, we are keen to recruit some new Leaders, particularly for the Cub Pack. We could 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. 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 fundraise, to support our activities and undertake their responsibilities as charity trustees. I must make special mention of Wendy Lipp, who has run our 50-Club for many years and who is stepping down at this AGM. Wendy will be sorely missed and our sincere thanks go to her.

We have made good progress with our Group Development Plan, during the year, focusing on Communications and Public Relations, Growth and Recruitment, Programme Development, Transition between Sections and a more structured focus on Youth-Shaped Scouting. Please follow what we get up to, on our website [www.35thglasgowscouts.org.uk](http://www.35thglasgowscouts.org.uk), on Twitter @35thGlasgow and on our Facebook page '35<sup>th</sup> Glasgow Scout Group'.

I hope you will follow all that we do during the year ahead and, in the meantime, many thanks for your continuing support of the 35<sup>th</sup> Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group.

Gillian Caldwell

Group Scout Leader



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

**Annual Report & Financial Statements**

**for the**

**Year ended 31 August 2015**

**Charity No SC032888**

**35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group  
Trustees' Annual Report  
Year ended 31 August 2015**

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 2015.

**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
Rachel Fishlock	Secretary
Amy Miller	Treasurer
Wendy Lipp	Group Executive Member
Gillian Caldwell	Group Scout Leader
Karen Imrie	Asst Group Scout Leader
Heather Nilsen-Nygaard	Beaver Scout Leader
Heather Campbell	Cub Scout Leader
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.

**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 5/11/15 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 2015**

**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 2015 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 Regulationshave 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)

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

(date) 5/11/15

**35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group  
Receipts & Payments Account  
Year ended 31 August 2015**

	Note	2014-15	2013-14
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Voluntary Income			
Subscriptions	3	2,441.50	1,892.50
Tax Recovered - Gift Aid		0.00	889.37
Donations		2,000.00	0.00
Fund-Raising Activities	4	928.00	2,546.07
Group Activities			
Section Programme Events		2,599.20	1,362.00
Investment Income			
Bank Interest		0.00	0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>7,968.70</b>	<b>6,689.94</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Cost of Fundraising	5	506.00	628.50
Group Activities			
Programme Activities		4,661.08	3,156.80
Badges/Handbooks & Uniform		904.60	491.16
Leader Training		90.00	0.00
Equipment Purchase & Maintenance		0.00	5.95
Premises	6	976.68	896.17
Fees transferred to Pegasus ESU		0.00	110.00
Management & Administration Costs		300.72	159.96
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>7,439.08</b>	<b>5,448.54</b>
<b>Surplus for year</b>		<b>529.62</b>	<b>1,241.40</b>

**35th Glasgow (Crookfur) Scout Group  
Statement of Balances  
Year ended 31 August 2015**

	2014-15	2013-14
<b>Cash &amp; Bank Balances (Unrestricted)</b>		
Balance as at 01/09/14	5,744.55	4,503.15
Surplus for the year	<u>529.62</u>	<u>1,241.40</u>
Balance as at 31/08/15	<u><u>6,274.17</u></u>	<u><u>5,744.55</u></u>
 Bank Current Account	 6,274.17	 5,744.55
	<u><u>6,274.17</u></u>	<u><u>5,744.55</u></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 5/11/15 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 2015**

**2014-15**    **2013-14**

**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 (2014-15: Nil)

**3 Subscription Income**

Beavers	<b>1,435.00</b>	1,237.50
Cubs	<b>1,621.00</b>	1,052.50
Scout Troop	<b>1,022.50</b>	853.00
	<b>4,078.50</b>	3,143.00
Less: Subs Transferred to Explorer Unit	<b>58.50</b>	0.00
Less: Paid to Scout Headquarters	<b>1,578.50</b>	1,250.50
	<b>2,441.50</b>	1,892.50

**4 Fund Raising Income**

50 Club	<b>928.00</b>	1,186.00
Easyfundraising	<b>0.00</b>	41.74
Sponsored Zumbathon	<b>0.00</b>	463.00
Bag Pack	<b>0.00</b>	638.33
Santa Dash	<b>0.00</b>	217.00
	<b>928.00</b>	2,546.07

**5 Cost of Fund Raising**

50 Club	<b>506.00</b>	594.00
Santa Dash	<b>0.00</b>	34.50
	<b>506.00</b>	628.50

**6 Premises**

Cleaning	<b>0.00</b>	0.00
Heating & Lighting	<b>0.00</b>	0.00
Insurance	<b>116.87</b>	116.17
Repairs & Maintenance	<b>0.00</b>	0.00
Hall Lets	<b>859.81</b>	780.00
	<b>976.68</b>	896.17