



Annual General Meeting

**6th September 2019
7.30pm**

AGENDA

Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks

Apologies for Absence

Chairman's Report

Treasurer's Report & Acceptance of Accounts

Appointment of new Group Scout Leader

GSL's Appointment of Chairman & Treasurer

GSL's Appointment of Executive Committee

Presentation of Awards

Nijmegen International Camp Niall Williams

My Jamboree Journey Jenna O Neale

Closing Remarks

Refreshments

Chairman's Report for 2019 AGM

Executives function

- Maintenance of Groups property and its insurance.
- Raising funds and the administration of all finances.
- Supporting Group public occasions.
- Assisting with recruitment of leaders and other adult support.
- As a registered charity we are the Trustees and are responsible for complying with all legislation applicable to charities.

Brief summary of what the Executive have been doing over the past year.

- Maintain the Scout grounds, and building maintenance at a cost of £4,437
- Insurance reviewed to ensure both building and content are adequately insured.
- Funded both Hall and Camping equipment to £7,120
- The Group was successful in gaining an income of £1,721 from rental of the Hall for small functions and use by external groups. This is reduced from previous years as the use by Guiding reduced as they found alternative cheaper premises, however as our membership has increased the extra night gives our own sections scope for additional sessions. We now focus primarily on Scouting maximising the availability of the Scout Hall for our own use.
- Replacement and renewal of Camping/Hall equipment for the use of the Group Sections which was an outlay of £7,120. This is a 43% increase on last year as the Executive consciously strive to ensure the sections have available kit required to complete Scouting activities.
- Contracts for regular grounds maintenance
- Contract for internal cleaning of the Hall, which the Exec have maintained at twice a week to reflect the increased usage our overall expenditure on cleaning was £1,650 reflecting the focus we put on keeping the hall clean and useable for all.

- Fully maintain the Minibus and any monies required are paid (£3,741) to keep the minibus useable by the sections when needed. This is an increase in costs of £700 over previous year, as the running costs have increased and the return has decreased. This is being reviewed by the Executive to agree the future funding of the minibus for the use by the sections.
- Capitation fees to HQ increased from £4,092 to £5,508 in the past year and will increase again in year 2019-2020.
- With the costs of running the group, maintaining the minibus and funding additional equipment to enhance the Scouting experience of the members. The Executive have made the decision to increase the monthly cost from £10 to £15pcm. This will ensure that financially the group remains strong and we can maintain our investment in the building and equipment for future years.

Financial

Fund raising Events

£1,721 Hall Hire, Equipment Hire

Financial successes

£4,470 Tax Rebate on tax years 2018-2019
100% rebate maintained for Council Tax

Status of the Group

Financial	Very Good
Property	Very Good
Equipment	Very Good
Management of Group	"We are considered to be a business" re insurance, banking, rates and energy provider.

OSCR

Our submissions for year 2017-2018 were accepted by OSCR on first application.

Without retaining charitable status, we cannot have a Gift Aid Scheme. Can only obtain rates relief and bin collection if we maintain this status.

Gift Aid

Obtained £4,470 tax rebates for year 2018-2019. Currently in excess of 85% members out of 170 in scheme authorise the group to claim gift aid. This will give us an income of approx. £4,000 - £4,500 in future years, the group have actively requested parents to join the scheme as this is the single biggest income for the group. All money raised via tax rebate will be used for the maintenance of the property.

We also utilise the GASDS Tax rebate 'bucket collections'.

Membership

Membership of the Group has increased from 114 previous year to 170 members on census at Jan 19. We have very strongly supported sections and 25 registered leaders.

The Executive do monitor on a monthly basis to verify subscriptions owed to the group are being paid, anyone falling into arrears are contacted, to remedy the shortfall. With the ultimate sanction removal from the group if we are unable to secure payment

Public/Charitable occasions

- Provided support to Community events Relay for Life.
- Support local GALA.
- Donated the use of the Hall and Minibus to Chernobyl Children Lifeline Charity in the summer. We feel this is a very deserving charity and waive charges for the use of our hall or Minibus. This is again planned for the Summer of 2019.
- Supported local Beach Clean Up (One of our Cub packs).
- We installed a defibulator for our/community/public usage in the event of an emergency. This was funded by a grant from the local TESCO store.

Hall also being used by other Groups, Woodlands Trust, District Scouting events, plus some small functions primarily by users linked to the group.

Jeremy Lancaster

Group Chairman
48th Fife (Dalgety Bay) Scout Group



Description	Expenditure		Income	
	2018-2019	2017-2018	2018-2019	2017-2018
Subscriptions	5508	4092	18962	16504
Gift Aid	0	0	4470	3921
Donations	0	0	1255	1721
Mini bus	3052	3741	1725	1641
Program events	4948	0	20090	0
Camps Large	1459	5192	1035	3901
Camp Others	14189	15472	14624	17650
Fundraising	60	45	317	225
Interest	0	0	11	5
Sundry	3576	2952	376	197
Cleaning	1350	1650	0	0
Electricity	1219	983	0	0
Building Main	1868	6367	0	0
Equipment Camping	3313	5044	0	0
Equipment Scout Hall	3807	572	2915	0
Badges	2668	1086	300	0
Uniforms	170	812	0	0
	£47,187	£48,008	£66,080	£45,765

2018-2019 Profit of £18,893
 2017-2018 Loss of £2,243

31st March 2018

NB

This page does not form part of the OSCR report but has been prepared as a support to the accounts.

Eric Ross
 Group Treasurer

48th Fife (Dalgety Bay) Scout Group
 Registered Scottish Charity No. SC020064

APPENDIX 1



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	1	04	2018		31	03	2019

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Reference and administration details

Charity name 48TH Fife(Dalgety Bay) Scout Group
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number SC020064
Charity's principal address 4 Lums Road,
 Aberdour
 Dalgety Bay

Postcode KY3 0RX

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr. J Lancaster	Chairman		GSL
2	Mr. E. Ross	Treasurer		GSL
3	Mrs. E. Pert	GSL		GSL
4	Mr. P. Merkel	Exc Com. Member		At AGM
5	Mrs. P. Ritchie	Exc Com. Member		At AGM
6	Mr S Whalley	Exc Com. Member		At AGM
7	Mrs A Davies	Exc Com. Member		At AGM
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
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Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) issued by the Scout Association.
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Trustee recruitment and appointment	The recruitment and appointment of the Executive Committee (Trustees) is in accordance with POR rule 3.23. The constitution of the Scout Group.
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Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	The purpose of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, 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
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Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	See attached 2019 AGM report for summary by each Section of the Scout Group and the Executive.
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APPENDIX 1

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

- Maintained a detailed balance sheet. Profit of £18,893 is shown for year 2018-2019.
- Membership has increased and we are reaching numbers in the region of 170 children with 25 leaders. (increased from 114 and 20 leaders in previous year
- Provided support to other local groups by the use of our premises and equipment. EG Chernobly Chlidrens Life line, District Scouting. Brownie Unit, Dalgety Bay Guides
- Sections participated in and supported groups with disabilities.
- Developed skills of members via a vast range of activities as detailed in the Group AGM section reports.
- Successful Gift Aid tax rebate for year 2018-2019 has been included in this year's account.
- Continued to invest in the upkeep of the Scout Hall and replacing /renewing camping equipment to ensure the Scouting groups had access to reliable and suitable equipment.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Executive Committee (Trustees) believe the reserves held by the Group are ample to maintain its solvency and support its aims. The reserves cover the timing difference between receipts and payments and allow for any reasonable unexpected items of expenditure. The Group is currently building up reserves to enable it to continue with major refurbishing projects. i.e. maintenance of the Halls floor + replacing well used camping equipment. We continue to monitor the condition of our Felt roof, which so far doesn't require replacement, but a quote for replacement was £15,000. Currently discussions are ongoing regarding developing and setting an official "Reserve Policy" for the group in this coming year.

Details of any deficit

No deficit was made this year as the Group was in surplus of £18,893 at the end of the year compared to a deficit of £2,243 last year. The main reason for this significant increase in funds is largely due to timing. The Group have collected payments from those attending the International Camp this year, however the associated payments for the camp remains outstanding. The balance to be paid for the camp is approx. £16000 and will be paid in the coming months and reported in the next financial year.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

The continual free use of the fenced off piece of land at the rear of the Scout Hall for Scouting activities. The group pays for professional maintenance of the grounds for the continual use and benefit of the sections.

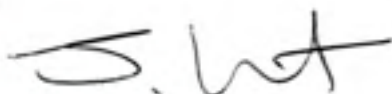
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APPENDIX 1**Other optional information****Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s) Jeremy Lancaster

Position (e.g. Chair) Group Chairman

Date 31st May 2019

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period 1: 2018			to	Period 2: 2019		
	01	04	2018		31	03	2019

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	19,180				19,180	18,054
Legacies					-	-
Grants		2,915			2,915	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	317				317	225
Gross trading receipts					-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	11				11	5
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	2,401	35,749			38,150	23,389
A1 Sub total	21,909	38,664	-	-	60,573	41,673
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	21,909	38,664	-	-	60,573	41,673
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	60				60	45
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	18,109	23,511			41,620	43,871
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
A3 Sub total	18,169	23,511	-	-	41,680	43,916
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	18,169	23,511	-	-	41,680	43,916
Net receipts / (payments)	21,909	38,664	-	-	60,573	41,673
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	3,740	15,153	-	-	18,893	(2,243)

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	35,578	2,774			38,352	40,595
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	3,740	15,153			18,893	(2,243)
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	Cash and bank balances at end of year	39,318	17,927	-	-	57,245	38,352

(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

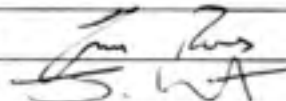
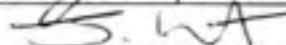
B2 Investments	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

B3 Other assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	Land & Scout Hall	General	4,500	150,000	150,000
	Camping and hall Equipment	General	17,500	17,500	17,500
	Mini bus(new)	General	9,915	3,500	5,200
		Total	31,915	171,000	172,700

B4 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
	Accounts to pay	General	-	-
	Cheques to clear	General	-	505
	Large camp fees	Restricted	800	325
				5,000
	Int Camp & DB Camp & Exp account	Rest £19884	19,884	-
		Total	20,684	6,830

B5 Contingent liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
	Emergency Building repair Fund	General	7,500	7,500
	Large Camps	General	1,000	1,000
		Total	8,500	8,500

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ERIC ROSS	23/9/14
	JEREMY LANCASTER	24/11/14

Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Subscriptions net of Capitation	13,455				13,455	12,412
Donations	1,255				1,255	1,721
Gift Aid	4,470				4,470	3,921
Refund	-				-	-
Total	19,180	-	-	-	19,180	18,054

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Tesco Grant for defibrillator		2,000	2,000	-
HQ grant for archery equipment		915	915	
Total		2,915	2,915	-

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Hire of Mini Bus	1,724				1,724	1,641
Large Camp		1,035			1,035	3,901
Camp Others		14,624			14,624	17,650
Sundry	377				377	197
Program events (IC)		20,090			20,090	
Badges refund	300				300	
					-	
Total	2,401	35,749	-	-	38,150	23,389

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Program activities/management cost	3,575				3,575	2,952
Badges & Uniforms	2,839				2,839	1,898
Equipment purchased	4,206	2,915			4,206	5,616
Building maintenance	1,868				1,868	6,367
Premises elect & cleaning	2,569				2,569	2,633
Mini bus running costs	3,052				3,052	3,741
Camp others		15,648			15,648	20,864
Program events (IC)		4,948			4,948	
					-	
Total	18,109	23,511	-	-	41,620	43,871

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

					Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	19,180				19,180	18,064
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities	317				317	225
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments	11				11	5
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	2,401				2,401	1,838
Sub total	21,909	-	-	-	21,909	20,122
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total		-	-	-		-
Total receipts	21,909	-	-	-	21,909	20,122
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	60				60	-
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	18,109				18,109	23,262
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total	18,169	-	-	-	18,169	23,262
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	18,169	-	-	-	18,169	23,262
Net receipts / (payments)		-	-	-	3,740	(3,130)
Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	3,740	-	-	-	3,740	(3,130)
Nature and purpose of funds						

Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
	TESCO & HQ					
Receipts						
Donations						
Legacies					-	
Grants		2,915			2,915	
Receipts from fundraising activities						
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	35,749				35,749	21,551
Sub total	35,749	2,915	-	-	38,664	21,551
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	35,749	2,915	-	-	38,664	21,551
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	20,596	2,915			23,511	20,664
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:						
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total	20,596	2,915	-	-	23,511	20,664
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	20,596	2,915	-	-	23,511	20,664
Net receipts / (payments)	35,749	2,915	-	-	38,664	21,551
Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	15,153	-	-	-	15,153	887

Nature and purpose of funds

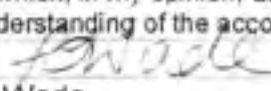
Funds at start of year is owned by the Donobristle Scout Troop and the IC fund can only be used by them for the specific purpose of camping.

Restricted funds only to be used for Donobristle, St David Scouts, Explorer camps & IC camp.

NB Explorer accounts now come under the control and accounting of this Chanty. Money held in separate bank account. Treasurer has access to this account.

Online banking is used by the treasurer to manage funds. Management committee have agreed safe guards put in position with additional financial reporting at the monthly management meeting. Additional evidence of money transferred presented at every monthly Executive/Trustees meeting.

Independent examiner's report on the accounts v7

Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name 48th Fife(Dalgety Bay) Scout Group						
Registered charity number	SC						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	04	2018		31	03	2019
Set out on pages	<small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>						
Respective responsibilities of trustees and 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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 accounts.						
Independent examiner's statement	In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]						
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>have not been met, or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. 						
Signed:				Date:	15/7/19		
Name:	Fiona Wade						
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Institute of Chartered Accountants Scotland (ICAS)						
Address:	1 Fife Gardens Bothwell Glasgow G71 8FG						

APPENDIX 3

Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose

48th Fife (Dalgety Bay) Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Accounts Period from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019

Examiners Record of Work Fiona Wade

Work Carried Out	Result
Opening and closing bank balances were checked back to the bank statements.	Agreed to bank statements
Interest received checked to the bank statements	Interest verified
Reviewed entries in the cash book to ensure that they correspond to transactions listed on the bank statement and to an invoice or receipt.	Cashbook entries were agreed back to receipts or invoices.
An analytical review was carried out to compare categories of income and expenditure to prior year.	Analytical review carried out and variances are fully supported
Checked that all transactions recorded in the cashbook have been accurately reflected in 2018/19 Receipts & Payments accounts.	All entries have been recorded in the accounts.
A review of the all receipts and payment allocations was carried out to ensure they were correctly allocated, including the split of restricted and unrestricted funds.	All receipts and payments have been correctly categorised in the accounts.
A review of transactions was carried out to check for any expenditure out with the scope of the charity's purpose.	No expenditure was identified that was out with the scope of the charity's purpose
The bank statements, cheques and cashbook has been reviewed for large or unusual entries	There were no large or unusual transactions identified.
All prior year balances were agreed to 2017_2018 accounts and comparisons from current year to prior year balances to check for completeness and for any unusual transactions.	Comparison to 2017_2018 completed, no unusual items identified.
Restricted fund transactions have been reviewed to ensure they have been accurately recorded in the accounts	Correctly stated.
The Trustee Annual Report was reviewed to ensure that the information contained in the accounts is consistent with the annual report	Reviewed the Trustees Annual Report written by the Group Chairman for 2019 AGM
Review of contingent liabilities ensure consistent with prior year.	The emergency building repair fund has continued remain at £7,500 due to the expected cost should work be work required to carry out repairs to building/roof. An additional contingent liability has been added for £1k which has been in line from prior year for smaller camps – need to ensure this is sufficient.
Review of depreciation of minibus	Depreciation is in line with previous recommendation, approx 20% straight line.

Summary

I can conclude that the charity accounts have been kept in accordance with the relevant requirements. The R&P accounts prepared for OSCR correctly reflect the accounting records which have been maintained throughout the year.

The electronic cash book continues to be well maintained. All supporting documentation for transactions is complete and maintained to a high standard.

Signed:

Fiona Wade

Date:

18/7/19

Name: Fiona Wade

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body:

Institute of Chartered Accountants Scotland (ICAS)

GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT

2019

As the Group celebrates its 50th Anniversary I thought it was now time to hand over to Iain Dick AGSL who will be taking over at this year's AGM.

Since the first report I had to write as a Beaver Leader in 1982 when we had acquired our hall there has been hundreds of children enjoyed their time with us and gone on to use the knowledge they gained as part of the Group.

The Leaders old and new are to be thanked for their dedication and hard work over the years, also the Executive Committee who have given up their time to assist the Leaders in doing their job.

I could not leave the Group completely after so many years so I will be assisting with the Administration. The Group will be a stable place financially, but I would ask Parents to speak to Jeremy the Chairman or Iain to offer your assistance on the Executive Committee.

Elaine Pert

G.S.L. (Retiring)

GSL Report
48th Fife (Dalgety Bay) Scout Group
2018/2019

Having completed two years as Assistant Group Scout Leader I have agreed to take on the GSL role from Elaine Pert who stands down from the role after decades of service for which we are all most grateful for in the Group. Elaine is not leaving us completely, she will continue to look after our waiting list and new member enquiries as a Group Administrator and I'm delighted she'll still be around for some continuity and where I get stuck! I take the role on safe in the knowledge that we have a great, well run, Group who are fortunate enough to have their own premises and minibus at their disposal plus a very well maintained equipment inventory.

I have also had the opportunity to work with the Group Executive and Leader teams over this period and we are very lucky indeed to be able to support two sections of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and also host one Explorer Unit. The administration of running a Group of this size should not be underestimated and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Group Executive members for the hard work they put in to ensure that our facilities are excellent, Leaders are supported and trained, finances well managed and sustainable and that we take advantage of any external funding available to us to try to keep the cost of Scouting as low as possible. We have had to raise the subscriptions recently but this is the first increase in many years and the Group faces a likely reduction in income from gift aid and increase in costs from business rates exemption, utilities and minibus running costs. I would especially like to thank Eric Ross for his diligent work with the finances. The size of his role is not to be underestimated for a Group with the assets of this one and the requirements to have our accounts audited and submitted to OSCAR as a registered charity.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to the Leader Teams, Section Assistants and parent helpers who give up their time voluntarily on a regular basis and provide an excellent and varied programme for our members. I have been in Scouting myself for nearly 30 years and this Group is one of the most well run and active I have encountered.

Our only issue is not being able to provide Scouting for all young people in The Bay as our waiting lists continue to be lengthy. The only solution to this is to setup new sections but, for this, we need leaders to run them. Even our existing sections are always keen to have additional assistance so if you feel you've the time and inclination to be a part of this amazing Scouting family and experience, please do let me know. We are also looking for one more parent to join the Group Executive which only involves one meeting per month (with a break over summer) and helps to ensure there's parent representation at the administrative level of the Scout Group and I'd be delighted to hear from anyone that thinks they could do this.

Iain Dick

Group Scout Leader

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48th Fife (Dalgety Bay) Scout Group

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 21st June 2018

Chairperson's Report Jeremy welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the GSL Elaine Pert, AGSL Iain Dick, District Chairperson, Sheena Gilbert and Treasurer Eric Ross. He went on to explain the functions of the executive and gave a brief resume of some of what the Executive had achieved during the year.

Finances Eric circulated the accounts for inspection and gave an outline of the accounts. He also explained about the benefits of Gift Aid to the Group. Eric then invited questions from the floor. There were no questions.

Group Scout Leaders Report Elaine reflected on her 24 years as GSL and the many changes which have occurred over the years. She thanked Barry McCleery for printing the reports for the AGM.

Elaine also thanked Lyn Merckel, Murray Thompson and Stuart Donaldson who are standing down as Leaders with the 48th after giving many years of service to the Group. Although no longer with the 48th they continue to remain active in the scout movement.

Elaine congratulated Gillian Barclay who is a leader with the group on obtaining the OBE.

Elaine highlighted the need for more Leaders particularly with the Beaver colonies.

The Executive were also thanked for their help in the running of the Group and she urged parents to consider joining the Executive.

Nominations for the Executive

- Jeremy Lancaster (Chairperson)
- Eric Ross (Treasurer)
- Peter Merckel
- Pat Ritchie (Minute Secretary)
- Steve Morton (Minibus Convenor)
- Audrey Davies
- Barry McCleery
- Steven Whalley

Awards Three Beavers were invested, Three Cubs received their Silver Chief Scout Award and one Scout received his Gold Chief Scout award.

Jeremy thanks all the Leaders for all their hard work over the year.

There being no further business the meeting was closed and refreshments served.

ST BRIDGET'S BEAVERS

ANNUAL REPORT

2019

48TH Fife St. Bridgets Beavers have had a fantastic year exploring new activities and earning new badges. We've cooked, cycled, camped, slept over built explored, investigated and navigated our way through a host of activities and earned some great badges on the way.

November saw us venturing further afield for a sleep over at Craigs Campsite towards Torphichen.

We were also awarded a trophy for winning the District Archery Competition in the Beaver section at the carol service in December.

2019 had us working on our community impact badge with several visits to Henderson House for evening of songs and jokes with the residents. We had a construction evening, visits to pets at home 10 pin bowling camp fire at the beach mini beast hunt and a super hero evening with a visit from none other than 'Welsh Man' who flew from Wales for the evening.

The summer term kicked off with a night under canvas for some of the older Beavers at the District Camp. Apparently 4 am is the regular wake up time for Beavers!!!!Who new!

We worked on the cyclist badge and the cookery badge during the summer term and had time to fit in some games and fun outside too!

Over the year we had 10 Beavers move on to be successful, confident and no doubt well behaved cubs! We have also gained 6 new Beavers to the colony who are all working hard on gaining as many badges as possible so their parents can get some sewing practise!

Over the year we have had 2 fantastic members of the management team leave us Keoo aka Liam and Malak aka Heidi our Beaver Leader the queen of organisation and font of all knowledge we wish them both well with their future and hope to see them back in scouting at some point once in there is no escaping!!

The new management team will be Rusty (Gwyn) Hawkeye (Emma) Angela (Beaver Assistant Commissioner) and Rainbow (Taelor promoted to our new Leader) We will be needing some help from parents for the programme going forward and would encourage any parents who would like to help out on a more formal basis to get in touch. It's a very rewarding experience introducing youngsters to the fun and exciting world of Scouting.

Gwyn Hughes Jones (Rusty)



Donibristle Beavers

So it's been a busy year for the Donibristle Beavers. Term 1 started off with the beavers visiting the library to learn all about book maintenance and start to work towards their Book Reader Badge. We also learned valuable skills such as lighting a tea light and rolling a neckie. The Beavers used their creative skills to paint 'Fife Rocks' and then hid them along the coastal path to Aberdour for others to find. We celebrated World Tourism Day eating food from different countries and learnt how to greet each other in another language. Lastly we took part in a District first! The beavers slept their first night under canvas at Fordell Firs alongside beavers from other groups in the district. They participated in so many adventurous activities and met so many new friends.

Term 2 began with us traveling to Aberdour to take part in a joint Halloween Party. The Beavers had a great time 'dooking' for apples, playing spooky games and eating marshmallows! We started our work towards the Disability Badge with a visit from a very special guide dog which the beavers thoroughly enjoyed. We learned signed language and participated in games designed to help us understand the difficulties disabled people can face.

Into Term 3, which was an extremely busy term, were we celebrated many different special days. We tasted Haggis on Burns night, made lanterns for Chinese New Year and contemplated what Scouting mean to us on Founders Day. As always we were also racing through our badge work with a special day camp completing the Cooking Badge, planting seeds for the Gardener Badge and we learnt all about bike maintenance for the Cycling Badge followed by a cycle at Lochgelly Cycle Park. Exhausted from all this hard work we rounded the term off with a sausage sizzle at Black Sands with the Aberdour Beavers.

The last term off the year was as action packed as the rest. We started off thinking about what friendship means to us and how we can be better friends. We rounded off the safety badge with trips to the RNLI and Fire Station where the beavers got to try out the fire hose! We also completed the Camp Craft Badge helping each other to tie knots, put up a tent and make a fire! Lastly we participated in the District Gathering for St Georges Day. This year it was carnival themed and the Beavers had fun competing with the other groups to try to win the Beaver Challenge Cup.

As always Donibristle Beavers participated in as many District events as possible. This year saw the introduction of the Archery and Bowling competitions. The beavers had so much fun working together and participating in new challenges that I think they will be much anticipated events next year! Sadly our reign as Beaver Cup Challenge Champions came to an end however I am so proud of the way our beavers worked together as a team and look forward to bringing the trophy back home next year! Sports Day was unfortunately postponed due to bad weather but will hopefully be rescheduled for September when with any luck we will become third time champions!!

Without a doubt the fantastic opportunities we are able to give our Beavers would not be possible without the support of our parent helpers, so as always we cannot thank you enough. We have had a few changes in our leadership team this year; we said goodbye to two of our young leaders Georgia (Nala) and Ethan (Rusty) who we wish all the best in their future challenges. We welcomed Angela Ruzzak (Keoo) as assistant leader, Katy Dyson (Chatter) as sectional assistant and Euan

(Rusty) as a new Young Leader, Kieran (Tic-Tac) has continued to excel in his journey as a Young Leader. Chloe (Skye) decided to stay on after her Young Leader journey ended and is now our newest Assistant Leader. Our fantastic Angela Sussex (Hawkeye) has taken on the role of Assistant District Commissioner for Beavers and we cannot wait to help and support her in this role.

It is fantastic to look back and see the variation we have in our programme. This is totally down to the dedication and commitment of the leadership team who put so much of their time and effort into it so thank you to you all.

Hopefully the year to come will be just as exciting as the last!

Yours in Scouting

Claire Hanlon (Bubbles)

Donibristle Cub Pack Annual Report 2019.

It is normal to review things from the previous year, it is probably fair to say that last year has brought a bumper crop of exciting activities for all to participate in. These events have allowed all Cubs whatever their ability to enjoy the programme of activities to the fullest extent. We have undertaken, sailing, climbing and at the other end of the range making doughnuts, when there is something to eat the Cubs enjoy it all the more.

As well as particular events that have been attended, a full programme of Challenge and Activity Badge work has been undertaken to ensure good progress through the Cub Scout programme and preparing the older Cubs for the transition to Scouts. The Cubs have also had some say as a collective group in the decision making process of what we do.

This year see's the Scout Group's 50th anniversary, so there will be some special activities. While not wanting to let the "cat out of the bag", here are a selection of items planned so far, August – Cycle camp, September – Karate taster, Community bulb planting, Mother and Cub Camp, October – Communicator, with potential for a visit to an Amateur radio station, November – Home help badge, Astronomy Camp, Mosque visit, Remembrance December – Laser Tag, Krispy Kreme, Henderson House Visit, Xmas Craft camp.

Donibristle Pack would not be able to function without the dedicated and continuous support from the Adult Leaders and Young Leaders, thanks to those that have given of their time so freely. Thanks also to the parent supporters, who also come along on a regular basis and lend a hand for activities both in the Hall and when out on trips. Finally thanks to all parents that help out and /or participate in the Parent and Child Camps.

There is one more group of people that I have not mentioned so far, this is the Scout Group Executive. The Group Executive, manage the finances, including the provision of camping and other equipment for the Pack. They also look after maintenance and all the other things that we take for granted. If you would like to be involved in the Scout Group management, please talk to one of the Cub Leaders, honest takes only two hours a month.

Peter Merckel, Assistant Cub Scout Leader, Donibristle Pack.

St Bridget's Cub Scouts

This year has just flown past and before we knew it, it was time to reflect on the past year through our AGM report. Steve Whalley, Andrea Hynes-Whalley, Martin Docherty, Sarah Broadbent and our parent helper Iain Dyson, as well as our Young Leaders, Nathan Jackson and Ben McHardie, have been very busy running the Pack over the last year. We enjoy working together as a team, which is good for our pack nights and camps giving the cubs a great experience as we all play to our strengths. It's certainly been a full year of experiences and we continue to learn all of the time.

Our pack numbers have now reached 30 and we would like to thank the Cubs and parents for their support. We have worked closely with the Donibristle Cub Leaders and the wider Group to ensure that we are able to offer a consistent, adventurous, enjoyable and challenging programme of activities and experiences for all our Cubs.

The focus for our programme is for all our Cubs to be given a great opportunity to achieve their Chief Scouts Silver Award in the two years that they are with us as a Cub. This is the highest award that can be achieved in Cubs; an award that they can be really proud of when they succeed. We know that all Cubs love achieving badges and we aim to complete at least two Activity badges each term; we usually achieve several more. Thus, we've been busy doing badge work in the Scout Hall and also outside when we can. We have had a mixed bag of weather this year but we have still managed to provide many outdoor activities and visits that we hope the Cubs have enjoyed.

Our outdoor activities included Paddle boarding at Port Edgar, walking 10k for the Jamboree on the Trail and Bug Hotel building. Our varied visits included Clip and Climb at the EICA climbing arena, the East Fortune Museum of Flight and Krispy Kreme. Our activities in the community included carol singing and Scout songs at Henderson House, Cycle path litter picking, Beach clean and supporting the Dalgety Bay Gala. Our cubs have certainly made a good impression of our Group in the community, where our cubs have done well by taking on challenging tasks and demonstrating responsibility. Over the past year, we have awarded 334 badges to our Cubs, which is a great achievement.





As well as our pack nights, there is a whole range of badges that parents can work with their cubs to complete as "homework" to suit all interests including sports, swimming, martial arts, home help and music. Please do refer to the Scouting website that provides further details and speak to a Leader about this if interested.



We have taken part in the Rosyth District Archery and Ten-pin bowling competitions this year. This is where each section, (e.g. Beavers, Cubs, Scouts etc.), competes with others in the same section across the District. St Bridget's has won both the Archery and Ten-pin bowling competitions in the Cub section, which is a fantastic achievement, and our cubs proudly accepted the trophies at District camp in May. We have also won jointly with Donibristle cubs, the Gold award in the Schools and Groups Daffodil competition at the Caledonian Horticultural Society Spring Show, which is held every year in Edinburgh. This just demonstrates what a talented bunch of cubs we have.



A major part for the Cubs is to have the chance to attend camps either over night or for a weekend camp and each camp has a different theme or different focus such as outdoor challenges and badge work. Attending camps is an important part of building self-sufficiency, confidence and developing new skills so attending is good standing for their ongoing time in Scouting. Camp weather can sometimes curtail activities but the Cubs generally just keep on going and going, which is good to see.



2019 also marked the 50th anniversary of the 48th Fife Dalgety Bay Scout Group and we are working with our cubs to achieve "50 challenges for 50 years". This is a great opportunity for our cubs to push themselves to try new things and achieve their 50th Challenge badge by completing personal challenges and activities with family and friends as well as in our pack meetings. Parents should encourage and support their cubs with these challenges and we will be focusing more on this in our meetings over the next several terms.



Thank you for taking the time to read over our annual report and the Leader team would again like to express our thanks to the Cubs, parents & family for their support in all that we are trying to achieve with our Cubs. Running pack nights, outside activities and camps takes a lot of time and effort by everyone in Scouting and we do always appreciate the help and support from parents and families.

If anyone has an interesting job, hobby or time to spare to come along to pack nights or camps please speak to a Leader. A good way to contact us is by email, Fridaycubs@aol.com, and we welcome your thoughts and feedback, both good and bad, so that we can continue to improve and provide the best experiences for our Cubs.

Yours in Scouting,

Steve Whalley
Cub Leaders
St Bridget's Cub Scouts
August 2019



St Davids Scout Troop – 2018 / 2019

It's become something of a cliché to begin the annual report with the words "It's been a busy year for St Davids Scout Troop", but once again it's absolutely accurate.

The previous years report ended by looking forwards to our summer camp on the island of Rum. I'm happy to report this year that we counted them all out and we counted them all home again!

The camp on Rum was special, fun, exciting, tiring, memorable, remote, and filled with midges (a small price to pay)!

We departed on Thursday 26th August, spending a very hot night in Corpach (near Fort William), before departing for the ferry in Mallaig via a train ride over the Glenfinnan viaduct (think Harry Potter).

Needless to say the hot, dry weather had by this time changed to wet weather at Mallaig while waiting for the ferry.

One short ferry journey later and we had landed at the pierhead of Kinloch (the small village) on Rum. There we set up the camp which would be our home base for the next five days. While on Rum we got up to all sorts of activities including:

- Hiking
- Beach cleaning
- Service work for Scottish Natural Heritage (clearing Rhododendrons)
- Castle visit
- More hiking
- A bit of shopping (it has a number of crofts selling produce)
- Geocaching
- Visit to nature site
- Cooking & cleaning (everyone had to do it!)
- And much, much, more

The highlight for our older Scouts was their expedition which saw this small, but hardy band hike to the south-west of the island guiding themselves using map and compass (while carrying their food and water with them).

They stayed overnight in a bothy before making their way back to the main camp by late lunch.

While they may have been kept under observation by two of our leaders from afar, they were the ones making the decisions and doing it themselves. A job very well done by those concerned!

Our final day on the island (Wednesday 1st August) saw well earned badges being handed out, including a rare Chief Scout Gold award (well done Emma!), before a mammoth pack up and long trip home (we arrived home around 11pm).

Beyond Rum the troop has continued in this busy mode of operation and we've had the following activities over the last twelve months (drum roll please):

- Hammock camp
- September camp at Torphican
- Climbing at Ratho
- November camp at the Craigs
- PL & APL training camp
- Visit to Krispy Kreme
- Christmas camp
- Bowling night
- Bonaly camp
- Jumpstation
- Bag packing to fund 2019 summer camp to Nijmegen
- Many Monday night Troop nights doing many, many, many different things (e.g. archery, electronics, team challenges, etc.)

I'm sure there's a load of stuff that's been missed from this long list!

Above and beyond all of this, the critical things are our Scouts had fun, enjoyed what they got up to (most of the time, washing up isn't a favourite), learnt new skills and experience, and stayed safe (we really did count them all out and back again).

All of this is impossible without the leadership team that provides the time and energy to support it, to whom a massive vote of thanks must be extended.

An additional vote of thanks on behalf of the leadership team to our Group Executive and supporters who look after finances, building, administration and probably much more.

Yours in Scouting,

Jeremy Meakin, Assistant Scout Leader, St Davids Scout Troop, 48th Fife.

Scouts

48th Fife Donibristle Scout Troop

Annual Report 1st April 2018 -31st March 2019

It's been another thoroughly rewarding year for our Scout Troop with a range of activities enjoyed and a good number of badges earned.

In April, we had fun at the St Georges Day District Camp and for once the sun shone on all our endeavours.



May, the scouts learnt about mini-pioneering with knots and lashings and how to put up a bivi/tarp tent. We had an visit to the Royal Observatory in Edinburgh and rounded the month with a Group camp at the Secret Bunker in St. Andrews. We finished the term in June with a hammock camp at Fordell Firs.



In July, we took a group of scouts down to Chamboree in Cheshire for a week's summer camp. It had pirate theme and Bear Grylls flew in for the Scout Zone. We had a day out in Liverpool seeing the sights including a visit to the Lego Shop and the Titanic Expedition.



In the science zone our scouts taught the instructor how to build an iconic Forth Rail Bridge and enjoyed the stars in a mini planetarium. The scouts made friends with local Cheshire Scouts who joined them on the sub camp day in a range of mini challenges. Great fun was had in the inflatable zone particularly when they got to dunk a leader in a water bath! They also enjoyed an escape room challenge.



We started the Autumn term in August with a camp focusing on core skills to prepare for the winter camping season ahead so we worked on site layout; patrol tents; fire-lighting; knife, axe, saw; camp hygiene; food hygiene and site maintenance.

In September we took up the challenge of the District Archery Competition and were delighted to win the Scout Section. We had a visit from Shelter box and found out how they provide support packages to communities devastated by natural disasters and conflict.



Our Zodiac Camp was at Barrwood and included a visit to Bannockburn Visitor Centre where the scouts re-enacted the battle but with a very different outcome! Continuing our focus on core skills we looked at how to use knots and lashings to build a range of camp gadgets.

Our October Zodiac Camp was at Fordell where scouts did backwoods cooking where Dutch oven pizzas and baked trout were the food of the day. Scouts also challenged themselves to scale the heights of Jacobs ladder.



In November we took the scouts Scuba diving at Burnt Island and our team were runners up in the Woolmer Trophy.



With the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1 we also focused on the significant role that the original scouts played in supporting the Army, Police and Government in the War effort.

In December scouts took part in the District Bowling competition and made a range of Christmas Crafts.

In January 2019 we held our first PL/APLs training camp where they learnt about leadership skills following up with them leading their own bases on later programme nights.

We started on the Skills Challenge badge so that ironing, changing a plug and basic car maintenance whilst the older scouts began to plan their expedition. Later sessions covered personal health issues such as a good diet; sleep; and the risks of alcohol and drugs.



In February we had a survival camp at Wemyss Firs where the scouts learnt all about how to keep safe in extreme situations.



The Chefs Badge had many different elements and was covered over a few weeks culminating in a Chefs Camp where the scouts produced a range of different meals over 24 hours and even did their own shopping!



In March we moved on to a number of sessions covering Emergency First Aid including looking at Resuscitation and use of the AED. We also covered Navigation and preparing for a night hike.

I can't believe the range of things we have covered over the last year, but the scouts seem to have enjoyed the variety and a number of sessions were at their own request - U-shaped Scouting in Action!

My thanks to all my fellow scout leaders Gordon, Martin and Paula. As usual, it truly was a team effort.

Iain Stevenson
Donibristle Scout Troop

P.S

I am also pleased to announce that in May 2019, the troop won the District Camping Competition. They later went onto the Zonal Qualifiers and came fifth overall out of the 16 teams that entered. The team will be taking part in the National finals later in September.



Whistle stop tour with the Explorers

April 2018



So let's settle this once and for all

Explorers join Scouts and sleep over at the Jumpstation.



May 2018

For those who made the selection process to attend the Blair Atholl Jamborette, in May attended their final training camp for which included practising their build of the dinning shelter structure which forms the main cooking, washing and socialising area of their site.



Explorers – clear the back of the Scout Hall, and learn how to use hedge trimmers.



June

Fun at the pool – explorers go underwater, learning some of the techniques needed to maximise their time underwater.



From underwater to high ropes



Not much room up here !

July

Some explorers got to meet HRH Prince Edward, as he came to Fordell to open the new Sir Garth Morris building.



All the training complete and those members were now representing the district at the Blair Atholl Jamborette – the premier Scottish Scouting International Scout Camp.



August



Explorers went on a three day survival camp – learning many skills from preparing food, cooking it to shelter building.



Expedition time

Explorers out on the hills – enjoying a cracking weekend.

September

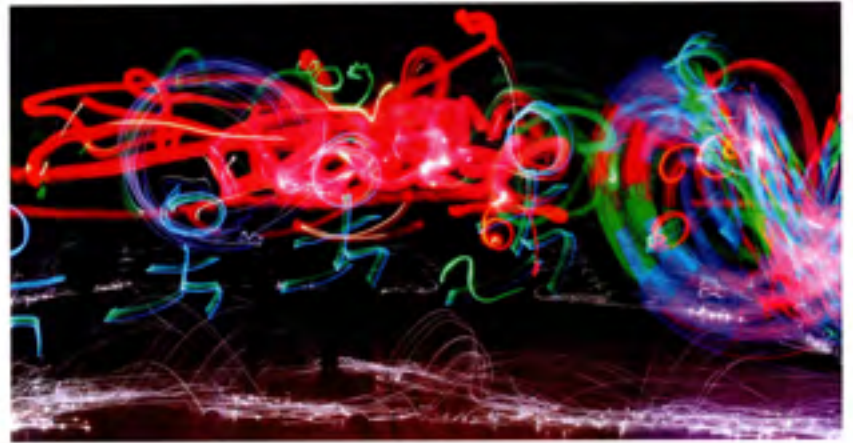
Even the leaders can have fun as they took the Explorers down to Alton Towers for the weekend.





First aid training night – including defibrillator training, after the Scout Hall had its own fitted outside.

Explorer learn how to photograph some amazing light art.



October

Chef Dave – brought to the table many of his skills in food carving, and Princess Mel – brought mocktail making.



Only weeks later they took to pumpkin carving



November

Explorers Scout took part in The Wee Sleep Out - stop homelessness

After an evening of homelessness awareness and and the effects of mental health and the soup kitchen, they bedded down for the night sleeping out rough, they help raise a staggering £700 for the homelessness (The Wee Sleep Out)



Time for another camp, this time at Wemyss Firs, Kirkcaldy – hmm there seem to be a lot of Nerf guns – time to get out of here.

December

Explorers jumped to the chance of heading to Clip n Climb again.



January



Might be cold outside, but it didn't stop the Explorers hitting the Ice in Kirkcaldy.

February

The Explorers have been trained and empowered to invest new members into the unit.



March



Getting into international Scouting – learning about Scouting in South Africa.

Thanks to Ryan O'Neale and his tales of when he was a Scout and got to taste traditional South African sausage - Boerewors



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