



# Scouts

## 48<sup>th</sup> Fife (Dalgety Bay) Scout Group Annual General Meeting Pack

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Time: 7.30pm**

**Venue: Scout Hall, Four Lums Road, Dalgety Bay, KY3 0RY**

### **Attendees Invited**

- Trustee Board
- Leaders & Section Assistants
- District Representatives
- All Parents and Guardians of Members

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### **Agenda**

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- 1. Chairman's Welcome & Opening Remarks**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Adoption of Minutes & Chairman's Report**
- 4. Treasurer's Report & Acceptance of Accounts**
- 5. GLV's Appointment of Chairman & Treasurer**
- 6. GLV's Appointment of Trustee Board**
- 7. GLV's Report**
- 8. Presentation of Awards**
- 9. AOCB**
- 10. Closing Remarks**

### **N.B.**

- Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available at the hall on the night.
- All financial documentation and OSCR returns are published on our website at <https://www.dalgetybayscouts.org.uk/>
- Supporting content and documents may be found at the rear of the AGM Pack along with the section reports.

# 2024-25 AGM Minutes

## 48th Fife (Dalgety Bay) Scout Group - Minutes of AGM held on 26th June 2025

**Present:** Barry McCleery (Chair), Iain Dick (GSL), Graham Cross (Treasurer), Rob McLeod, Niall Williams, Elaine Pert, Peter Merckle, Lynn Merckle, Keith Armour, Martin Doherty, Katie Docherty, Claire Fernie, Iain Dyson, Charlie Dyson, Andrea Hynes- Whalley, Finlay Whalley, Tailor Aspinall, Claire Greenwood, Debbie McCleery, Ewan McCleery, Matthew McCleery, Gregor Dick, Jess Miller, Richard Broadbent, Luke Broadbent, Angela Ruzzak, Willow Christie, Amanda McLuchie, Alastair Barrowmen, Audrey Davies (Minute taker),

**Apologies:** Anne Field, Craig Douglas, Sarah Broadbent, Alastair Franklin, Jeremy Meakin, Terry O'Neill

### Adoption of Minutes and Chairman's report 2023-2024

Proposed by Ewan McCleery and seconded by Elaine Pert

#### Chairman's report: (Barry McCleery)

- Thanks to everyone for giving up their time to attend the AGM.
- Group in good health and success is due to huge time and effort put in by volunteers.
- Thanks to all leaders and young leaders for all their time given to scouting
- Thanks to Claire Fernie our District Commissioner
- Last year's AGM saw the start of the Transformational changes to Scouting and the members of the Trustee Board have settled into their roles of governance of the Charity, leaving Scout leaders to focus more on their groups than administration tasks.
- Thanks to Iain Dick (GSL) and Graham Cross (Treasurer) for the huge amounts of work they put into the group and for their support in my role as Chairman
- Thanks to all members of the Trustee Board for their support and input. We are a strong cohesive group.
- Thanks to Martin Docherty for ensuring that the minibuses are in excellent condition and ready to always use.
- Thanks to Ewan McCleery for building on his role as Quartermaster that he started last year ensuring that the equipment is looked after and ready for the leaders to use.
- Thanks to our hall pixies, Peter Merckel and Jeremy Meakin for maintaining and fixing all the small issues and flagging up larger issues to the Trustee board.
- Thanks to Audrey for taking all the Trustee board minutes.
- The group would like to see additional support from parent volunteers for section nights and to have a fundraising group set up to help ensure that plans can be followed through.
- *To read the Chairman's report in full please see pages 4-5 of the AGM pack*

#### Treasurer's report and acceptance of accounts: (Graham Cross)

- Planned deficit of £14,000 due to renewing the hall's wooden floor and building a new external shelter for storage.
- The number of new members has dropped however capitation fees have increased, resulting in a decrease of main source income. TB are keen to keep scout fees the same for the following year but will reevaluate this next year.
- A fundraising group would significantly support the group and reduce the chance of fees increasing.
- Rob McLeod proposed the acceptance of the accounts and this was seconded by Keith Armour.
- *To read the Treasurer's report in full please see pages 6-18 of the AGM pack*

#### Group Leader's appointment of Chairman and Treasurer : (Iain Dick)

- Barry McCleery was nominated to continue as Chairman and Graham Cross was nominated to continue as Treasurer and it was asked if there were any other nominees for these roles, to which there were no replies.
- Martin Doherty proposed the acceptance of these two appointments and Peter Merckel seconded them.

### Group Leader's appointment of the Trustee Board : (Iain Dick)

- All Trustee Board members were willing to stay on with no new nominees. Are there any objections? None recorded. All proposed by Niall Williams and seconded by Alastair Barrowman

- Iain Dick	- GSL
- Barry McCleery	- Chair
- Graham Cross	- Treasurer
- Martin Doherty	- Minibus
- Rob McLeod	- Admin
- Craig Douglas	- Admin

- Peter Merckle	- Maintenance
- Keith Armour	- Parent rep
- Ewan McCleery	- QM & Young leader
- Elaine Pert	- Honorary member

### Group Leader's report: (Iain Dick)

- Group is doing really well with the Squirrels in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year and Explorers expanding to 2 nights as well as the waiting list being reduced.
- Incredibly thankful to everyone who volunteers from the Young Leaders to Trustee Board members.
- Thanks to all the uniformed Leaders for putting on all the activities that they do to ensure an interesting and varied programme.
- Thanks also to the Trustee Board which without them the uniformed scouting does not get the support.
- Much thanks go to Barry McCleery for being chair and keeping us on the straight and narrow
- Thanks to Graham Cross as treasurer for transforming our accounting ensuring accountability and traceability.
- Thanks also to Martin Docherty who is saving us a fortune in garage bills for the minibuses
- To read the Group Leader's report in full please see page 19 of the AGM pack*

### Presentation of Awards

Chief Scout 15 year service	- Jeremy Meakin
Chief Scout 10 year service	- Dave Carey
Chief Scout 5 year service	- Taelor Aspinall
Chief Scout 5 year service	- Audrey Davies
Wood badge	- Jeremy Meakin
Wood badge	- Claire Greenwood
Wood badge	- Rob McLeod
Platinum Chief Scout Award	- Connor Docherty
Platinum Chief Scout Award	- Eilidh Wood
Platinum Chief Scout Award	- Matthew McCleery
Platinum Chief Scout Award	- Ailsa McCardy
Gold Chief Scout Award	- Luke Broadbent
Gold Chief Scout Award	- Willow Christie
Gold Chief Scout Award	- Katie Docherty
Gold Chief Scout Award	- Charlie Dyson
Gold Chief Scout Award	- Gregor Dick

### AOCB

- Nothing

### Closing Remarks

Barry McCleery once again thanked everyone for their hard work and for attending the AGM, meeting was closed and refreshments served.

# Chairman's Report

## Chairman's Report 2025/26

The last year has been another busy year for Dalgety Bay Scout Group and my thanks go to all the leaders and young leaders for the time they give for the young people of Dalgety Bay. The high numbers throughout the sections are testament to the quality of the programmes that are planned and delivered on a weekly basis. As a group we are lucky to have such a dedicated group of volunteers.

Our current membership numbers are:

171 Youth members

40 Leaders

12 Young Leaders

10 Trustee Board members

I would also like to thank everyone involved in the Trustee Board for the time and effort they put in throughout the year. The Scout Group would not be in the position it is in without the time they give.

My thanks also to Group Lead Volunteer Iain Dick and Treasurer Graham Cross with whom I work closely, for all the work they do for the group throughout the year. These roles are key to the group and both Iain and Graham give up a huge amount of time to ensure everything runs smoothly.

There are some other key roles within the group that I would like to thank for all the work they put in throughout the year:

Minibus Convenor – Martin Docherty

Quartermaster – Ewan McCleery

Hall Maintenance - Peter Merckel and Jeremy Meakin

Martin, Ewan and Jeremy are also Scout Leaders and Peter is a former Cub Leader and they all go above and beyond to ensure the minibuses, group equipment and property are kept in excellent condition and ready to use at all times.

The Fundraising Committee ran a successful Christmas Raffle which raised over £2,500 for group funds and kick started our efforts to modernise the kitchen area of the hall. We expect this to cost in excess of £20,000 so we have a lot of work to do. We can always do with more support for the fundraising group, and we would welcome any parents/carers who would be able to give us some time to support this area of the Scout group.

I presented to The Rotary Club of Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay about the history of the group and the work we do for the young people and the community of Dalgety Bay. They were very impressed and agreed to fundraise for us by donating the proceeds of their annual Golf Day which is taking place at Aberdour Golf Course in May.

The key functions of the Trustee Board are:

- As a registered charity we are the Trustees and are responsible for complying with all legislation applicable to charities.
- Upkeep and maintenance of the Group's assets (Hall, Minibuses, Equipment, etc) and the required insurance policies.
- Fundraising and the administration of all finances.
- Supporting Group public occasions and our charitable endeavours.
- Assisting with recruitment of leaders and other adult volunteers.
- Supporting all sections to allow them to put on varied and exciting programmes for our members.

## OSCR

Our accounts need submitted to OSCR on an annual basis to maintain our charitable status.

Without retaining charitable status, we cannot have a Gift Aid Scheme and could not obtain relief on rates, water services and bin collections.

**Gift Aid**

We received £7465 in tax rebates for year 2024-2025.

The group actively requests parents to join the scheme as this is the single biggest income for the group after monthly subscriptions. If you have not signed up already, please contact your section leader or our Treasurer.

**Membership**

The Trustee Board monitor payments to verify subscriptions owed to the group are being paid with anyone falling into arrears being contacted, to remedy the shortfall.

If any young person requires support to stay in Scouting this can be brought to the attention of the Trustee Board for review. Our aim is to help the young people of Dalgety Bay enjoy the benefits of Scouting and we can support families in need when required.

Please contact me directly in confidence should you wish to speak to me about financial support to enable your young person to stay in Scouting.

Barry McCleery

Group Chairman

48<sup>th</sup> Fife (Dalgety Bay) Scout Group

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# Treasurer's Report

## Summary Sheet

**48th Fife (Dalgety Bay) Scout Group**  
**Income & Expenditure v Prior Year - OSCR Report**  
**For The 12 months to 31 March 2026**

Income	2025-26	2024-25
Camp Receipts	33,690	26,600
Program event and other activity receipts	4,237	1,544
Memberships received	28,290	28,603
Gift aid rebate	7,465	4,919
Minibus hire - External	642	1,596
Minibus hire - Internal (receipt)	1,300	880
Donations received	976	1,744
Fundraising receipts	5,285	1,750
Grants received	110	1,000
Other Income	174	2
Interest income	95	181
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>82,264</b>	<b>68,819</b>
Expenditure		
Camp payments	29,892	26,876
Program activity costs	5,759	5,438
Minibus hire - Internal (payment)	1,300	880
External vehicle hire	636	-
OSM payment charges (camps and activities)	1,141	974
Capitation fees	9,320	8,610
Badges purchased	2,486	1,517
Fundraising expenses	129	72
Uniform purchases	1,124	788
Equipment purchased - camping	934	693
Equipment purchased - hall	80	17,492
Equipment repairs	724	911
Building maintenance	1,038	3,513
Minibus purchase	-	-
Minibus fuel	921	1,505
Minibus insurance	1,921	1,842
Minibus repairs	2,503	1,824
Minibus road tax	349	338
Cleaning	2,298	2,495
Gardening	800	830
Head & light	1,441	2,172
Independent Examiner	50	50
Insurance	698	657
Bank & GoCardless Charges (memberships)	803	651
Software & IT	649	708
Sundry expenses	428	1,192
Training	390	800
Donations made	400	-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>68,214</b>	<b>82,828</b>
<b>Net Income / (Expenses) - Incl. Activities</b>	<b>14,050</b>	<b>(14,009)</b>

**NB this page does not form part of the OSCR report but has been prepared in support of the accounts.**

# Treasurer's Report

## Trustee Report

### APPENDIX 1

# OSCR

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	04	2025	To	31	03	2026

### Reference and administration details

Charity name	48 <sup>th</sup> Fife (Dalgety Bay) Scout Group		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number	SC020064		
Charity's principal address	Scout Hall, 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 I Dick	GSL		District Commissioner
2	Mr B McCleery	Chairman		GSL
3	Mr G Cross	Treasurer		GSL
4	Mr C Douglas	Advisor		At AGM
5	Mr M Docherty	Minibus Convener		At AGM
6	Mr R McLeod	Advisor		At AGM
7	Mrs E Pert	Honorary		At AGM
8	Mr P Merkel	Maintenance		At AGM
9	Mr K Armour	Parent Rep		At AGM
10	E McCleery	Equipment		At AGM
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## APPENDIX 1

## 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

## Structure, governance and management

<b>Type of governing document</b>	Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) issued by the Scout Association
<b>Trustee recruitment and appointment</b>	The recruitment and appointment of the Executive Committee (Trustees) is in accordance with POR rule 5.D.1. Constitution for a Group (Scotland).

## Objectives and activities

<b>Charitable purposes</b>	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
<b>Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects</b>	<p>A full program was operated during 2025/26 including weekly in person meetings and activities, badge work, sleepovers, camps and other external activities.</p> <p>With the ongoing cost of living crisis and inflationary pressures the group remains happy to continue supporting those families in need of financial support as we did not want to see any young person miss out on Scouting opportunities and the mental health benefits of being involved in such activities.</p>

## APPENDIX 1

## Achievements and performance

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

- There were no capital projects undertaken during the year, but the trustees planned to make a surplus this year and conducted a detailed budget process for the coming year because there are some required hall upgrades expected over the coming 5 years.
- There was a big push during the year to increase the uptake of gift aid declarations resulting in Gift Aid of £7,465 being successfully claimed for 2024/25 memberships. This represents an increase of around £2,500 on the previous year. The claim for 2025/26 was made in April 2026 and £7,147 has since been received. This will appear in next year's accounts.
- Donated the weekly use of the hall to a local knitting group 'A Good Yarn In The Bay'.
- At various points in the year the group lends camping equipment to other scout groups and local charities to support their charitable activities.
- The trustees set up a support fund for Network members (18 – 25) attending high profile international scouting events. The first claim was paid out to support the fundraising activities of a member representing the group at the 2025 Moot camp in Portugal.

## 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 solvency and support its aims. The reserves cover the timing between receipts and payments and enable for any reasonable unexpected items of expenditure. The Trustees have also begun long term planning for required and desired major capital expenditures over the next 5 years to ensure reserves meet the long term goals of the group.

### Details of any deficit

The Group have again agreed to hold 1 year of running costs as a reserve. The equates to approximately £25,000.

The group made a surplus of £14,050 for the year to 31 March 2026. The trustees plan to carry this forward to help fund expected future deficits when undertaking capital projects (e.g. hall upgrades) in the future.

### Donated facilities and services (if any)

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

**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

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>		
<b>Position (e.g. Chair)</b>		
<b>Date</b>		

# Treasurer's Report

## Receipts and Payments Accounts

APPENDIX 2

Enter charity name below

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48th Fife (Dalgety Bay) Scout Group

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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	April	2025		31	March	2026

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>						
Donations	27,412	-	-	-	27,412	26,656
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	110	-	-	110	1,000
Receipts from fundraising activities	5,285	-	-	-	5,285	1,750
Gross trading receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	95	-	-	-	95	181
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	666	37,926	-	-	38,592	29,743
<b>A1 Sub total</b>	<b>33,458</b>	<b>38,036</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>71,494</b>	<b>59,330</b>
<b>A2 Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	150	-	-	-	150	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>33,608</b>	<b>38,036</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>71,644</b>	<b>59,330</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities	129	-	-	-	129	72
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	803	1,141	-	-	1,944	1,625
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	17,167	36,890	-	-	54,057	53,407
Grants and donations	400	-	-	-	400	-
Governance costs:						
Audit / independent examination	50	-	-	-	50	50
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>18,549</b>	<b>38,031</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,580</b>	<b>55,154</b>
<b>A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets	840	174	-	-	1,014	18,185
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>18,185</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>19,389</b>	<b>38,205</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,594</b>	<b>73,339</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>14,219</b>	<b>(169)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,050</b>	<b>(14,009)</b>
<b>A5 Transfers to / (from) funds</b>	<b>(8,161)</b>	<b>8,161</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>6,058</b>	<b>7,992</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,050</b>	<b>(14,009)</b>

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**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	80,889	(7,633)	-	-	73,256	87,265
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	6,058	7,992			14,050	(14,009)
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	86,947	359	-	-	87,306	73,256
	(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 & Hall Equipment	General	20,000	20,000	20,000
	Minibus - White	General	9,915	5,500	5,500
	Minibus - Blue	General	28,794	19,000	20,000
		Total	63,209	194,500	195,500

B4 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

B5 Contingent liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

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

Signature*	Print Name	Date of approval
	Barry McCleery	
	Graham Cross	

**Section C Notes to the Accounts**

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

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	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
C2 Grants	Scouts Scotland - Volunteer Training	Institution	2	110
Total				110

C3a Trustee remuneration	If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	X
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	Authority under which paid	£
C3b Trustee remuneration - details		

C4a Trustee expenses	If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	X
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	Number of trustees	£
C4b Trustee expenses - details		

	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons				

C6 Other information	<p>Included in donations received are monthly membership subscriptions net of capitation fees as follows:</p> <table style="width: 100%; margin-left: 40px;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: right;">2025/26</th> <th style="text-align: right;">2024/25</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Membership subscriptions received</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 28,290</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 28,603</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capitation fees paid to Scouts Association</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 9,320</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 8,610</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Net memberships included in donations</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 18,970</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 19,993</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		2025/26	2024/25	Membership subscriptions received	£ 28,290	£ 28,603	Capitation fees paid to Scouts Association	£ 9,320	£ 8,610	Net memberships included in donations	£ 18,970	£ 19,993
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**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 £
Membership subscriptions net of capitation fees	18,970				18,970	19,993
General donations	977				977	1,744
Gift aid rebate	7,465				7,465	4,919
					-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,412</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,412</b>	<b>26,656</b>

## 2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Tesco			-	1,000
Scouts Scotland		110	110	
			-	
			-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>1,000</b>

## 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 minibus	642				642	1,596
Camps		33,690			33,690	26,600
Program activities		4,236			4,236	1,544
Uniforms	24				24	3
					-	
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					-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>37,926</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,592</b>	<b>29,743</b>

## 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	32	5,727			5,759	5,438
Badges & uniforms	3,227	383			3,610	2,304
Equipment repairs	144	580			724	911
Building maintenance	1,038				1,038	4,343
Heat, light, cleaning	4,539				4,539	4,667
Minibus running costs	4,883				4,883	5,509
Camps	1,249	30,090			31,339	26,878
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Training	280	110			390	800
General running costs	1,775				1,775	2,557
					-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,167</b>	<b>36,890</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,057</b>	<b>53,407</b>

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**Additional analysis (2)****5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds**

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below <b>General</b>	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations	27,412				27,412	26,656
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	1,000
Receipts from fundraising activities	5,285				5,285	1,750
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	95				95	181
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	666				666	1,599
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>33,458</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,458</b>	<b>31,186</b>
<b>Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	150				150	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>33,608</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,608</b>	<b>31,186</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities	129				129	72
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs	803				803	651
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	17,167				17,167	18,024
Grants and donations	400				400	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination	50				50	50
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>18,549</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,549</b>	<b>18,797</b>
<b>Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets	840				840	8,012
Purchase of investments					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>8,012</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>19,389</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,389</b>	<b>26,809</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>14,219</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,219</b>	<b>4,377</b>
<b>Transfers to / (from) funds</b>	<b>(8,161)</b>				<b>(8,161)</b>	<b>880</b>
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>6,058</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,058</b>	<b>5,257</b>

**Nature and purpose of funds**

General unrestricted fund

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**Additional analysis (3)**

**6 Breakdown of restricted funds**

	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
	Camps & Activities	Training				
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants		110			110	
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	37,926				37,926	28,144
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>37,926</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,036</b>	<b>28,144</b>
<b>Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>37,926</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,036</b>	<b>28,144</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs	1,141				1,141	974
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	36,780	110			36,890	35,383
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
					-	
					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>37,921</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,031</b>	<b>36,357</b>
<b>Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets	174				174	10,173
Purchase of investments					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>10,173</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>38,095</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,205</b>	<b>46,530</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>(169)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(169)</b>	<b>(18,386)</b>
<b>Transfers to / (from) funds</b>	<b>8,161</b>				<b>8,161</b>	<b>(880)</b>
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>7,992</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,992</b>	<b>(19,266)</b>

**Nature and purpose of funds**

Camps & Activities - funds donated on behalf of young people to cover the cost of camps, trips and delivery of program activities.

Training - grants received to help fund the cost of volunteer training.

# Treasurer's Report

## Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 48th Fife (Dalgety Bay) Scout Group, SCO20064

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026.

#### 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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: Stuart Fairley

#### Relevant Professional qualification/professional body:

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants  
1-3XK2TL / 990056423

#### Address:

8 Collins Crescent,  
Dalgety Bay,  
FIFE,  
KY11 9FG

Date: 14/05/2026

# Treasurer's Report

## Notes to the 2025-2026 Accounts

### Results and Future Group Finances

The group made a surplus for the year of £14,050 following the previous year's deficit of £14,009.

The trustees are planning to save this surplus to save up for hall improvements and other capital projects expected to be required over the coming 5 years. A full budget was prepared by the trustees to plan for a further surplus in the coming year to further build up funds for such projects.

Memberships receipts were down £313 over the previous year, but our capitation fees payable to the Scouts Association increased by £710. Overall, that meant the group had £1,023 less from our main source of income for covering the running costs of the group and the hall. That was in addition to an equivalent reduction of £3,390 in the previous year.

With running costs increasing, particularly capitation fees from the Scouts Association, and net membership receipts falling, the Trustees are mindful of ensuring that the group stays financially secure but at the same time as a charity we want to keep membership costs as low as possible for our young people. With this in mind, the Trustees took the decision to increase monthly memberships fees by +£1 per month to £16 to help cover those increasing costs.

Longer term planning is also being under-taken by Trustees to determine how best to use existing reserves, and what fundraising requirements would be needed to undertake known, required and optional desired future capital projects.

Looking forward the Group has comfortable reserves that are more than sufficient to cover expected running costs while allowing trustees to continue to spend on replacing camping equipment, further hall improvements and maintaining ownership of two minibuses.

### Financial Governance

The group continues to collect memberships using Direct Debit (DD) via GoCardless. 100% of ongoing memberships are now collected by DD allowing the charity to fully control membership increases and to pause or stop collections for members as required.

Financial records for the group are 100% electronic and accessible to the Trustees and scouting volunteers via the Group's Google Drive. This includes all bank statements, invoices, receipts and membership statements from GoCardless. All expenses are reviewed and approved by a second volunteer / trustee familiar with the cost, and all bank payments require dual authorisation. Monthly accounts are prepared and shared with Trustees for review and discussion at Trustee Meetings.

The group collects all memberships and payments for camps and activities electronically via OSM payments or by direct payment into section bank accounts. There remain two cash based fundraising activities being the Dalgety Bay Gala and fundraising raffles. Cash from these events is counted and reported by at least two scouting volunteers and banked by the Treasurer as quickly as possible after the event.

Graham Cross  
Group Treasurer

# Group Lead Volunteer's Report

Another year of delivering good quality Scouting for the Dalgety Bay area. Again, we find ourselves at capacity and running a fairly lengthy waiting list, despite taking a significant number of new members from the list over the last year. All sections are running well and are sufficiently supported in terms of adult leadership. Our census return this year, which is completed at the start of the calendar year, indicated that we had 133 members across Squirrels to Scout age and a further 38 in Explorers making the total number of young people in our group 171.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all the volunteers that help to support our Group. Without volunteers there is no Scouting and to each and every person that gives up their time to help, from occasional helpers to the section leaders, I extend a massive thank you. A huge thanks to all our new leaders that have joined in the past year and to those that moved on for all they contributed to the Scout movement and locally within our area. Thanks also to Amy Douglas who joined us from a National role to help with our programme activities across all sections. It's an element of my role that I haven't always found time to do justice to due to the admin burden.

I would also like to thank the Trustee Board for their hard work in ensuring that the 48<sup>th</sup> has the resources, equipment and support to run our programme for our young people. I would like to thank Elaine Pert, who is standing down this year to care for her husband Gordon, for all that she has given to the Group over the years. We wish Elaine all the best.

Together with the rest of the Trustee Board we have undertaken the following work this year:

- Completion of the shelter extension and additional storage space
- Procurement of new equipment including Trangia stoves and new small mess tents
- Replacement and new lighting outdoors and in the new store
- Remediation of the trees outside with removal of one condemned tree

Work we hope to undertake soon includes:

- Replacement of the hall door access systems with a keyless system
- Refurbishment or replacement of the kitchen (subject to fundraising)

Remember, we always need volunteers so please don't be shy if you think you've time and enthusiasm to give. The more volunteers we have the easier it is on all of us to keep this great thing called Scouting going. Let me know if you think you can help!

I would also like to congratulate all our adult members who picked up recognition awards from the Scout Association this year.

Iain Dick

Group Lead Volunteer

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# Supporting Content & Documents

## Section Reports – Donibristle Squirrels

# Squirrels

Over the past year the Squirrels have had the chance to take part in lots of fun activities from a cross-over night with the Explorers and doing junk modelling to glow in the dark games.

Some of the highlights from this year have been getting to go to Fordell and go through the challenge course, making potions out of scents and glitter, going pond dipping up at Loch Leven and even getting to go and visit the RNLI base in Kinghorn!

We made dens in Steeple Clump big enough to fit all the Squirrels and even some of our leaders. We visited the Carnegie museum in Dunfermline and learned all about Andrew Carnegie and surprising facts about dinosaurs as well?

Over the past year we have awarded 181 badges and 13 Chief Scout Acorn Awards!

And as always, we thank the support of the parents and volunteers who come along and help us every week.

Rainbow Squirrel, Blue Squirrel, Yellow Squirrel and Purple Squirrel :)



# Supporting Content & Documents

## Section Reports – St. Bridget's & Donibristle Beavers

# BEAVERS

## St. Bridget's & Donibristle

Beavers have had an incredibly busy and exciting year. We have visited the RLNI, had the police visit us and visited the fire station!

We visited (and some beavers slept over) at district camp at nine acres. We have had 3 busy, creative and fun sleepovers, one was even Harry Potter themed!



We did our annual sponsored walk to raise money for Dunfermline foodbank, we raised a whopping £713.20, which turned into 254kg of much needed items for the foodbank!

We have enjoyed nights out and around our local community including walks into Fordell woods and nights exploring the beach.

Over the past year we have awarded 842 badges with 4 of those being chief scout bronze awards!

Here's to another year of adventure!  
Rainbow, Unicorn, Ringtail, Chip, Malak, Rusty



# Supporting Content & Documents

## Section Reports – St. Bridget's Cubs

Currently St Bridget's Cubs have 21 members with several new cubs joining scouting for the first time.

St Bridget's Cubs leaders are currently Kathy, Alastair and Lewis, following Jennifer and Lewis swapping cubs packs during the year, as the switch in days was preferable for both. St Bridget's are currently seeking one additional cub leader to support the pack.

This year Donibristle and St Bridget's leaders have been working closely together on programme planning, joint camps and supporting each other at meetings as needed, which has been working great.

It has been an action-packed year with 3 cub camps:

- The science themed District Camp 2025;
- a navigation camp in September featuring Check Point Challenge where each team raced to find the different checkpoints and complete the team challenge at each one;
- and History Comes Alive Camp in February with a Local History Hike round Dalgety Bay and history themed activities.

We also had a memorable Winter Craft afternoon involving arming the cubs with huge felting needles to create amazing felted bauble animals.

As well as camps, we have been having outdoor adventures aplenty, with archery sessions run by Paula and Iain, paddle boarding at Loch Ore, climbing at Fordell Firs, minibeast hunting in the woods, and fire lighting and backwoods cooking at the hall.

Lots of badge work has been completed with 8 cubs having nearly completed their Chief Scout Silver Award. The pack also completed a community gardening project culminating in a visit to EATS Greenspace, Rosyth.

At the last forum the cubs asked for more science and technology activities, so this year we have made some amazing stop motion animated films, created wind turbines to rescue Lego minifigs from impending doom and the cubs are waiting to hear confirmation that the computer programs that they wrote have been run on the international space station as part of AstroPi!

We would really like to thank everyone who has helped deliver the program this year: our amazing young leaders Cameron and Daniel who can turn their hands to anything, invaluable parent helpers, leaders from other sections who have run activities and acted as permit holders for outdoor camps, Wullie who kindly responded to our Billboard plea for a Scots or Gaelic speaker for St Andrews Day, Rob who talked to the pack about life as a pilot and the joy of flying and Abi who was grilled by enthusiastic cubs about life as a paramedic trainee and emergency medical dispatcher.

# Supporting Content & Documents

## Section Reports – Donibristle Cubs

# Donibristle **cubs**

At the start of the Autumn 2025 term we had 15 Cubs and we started the Summer 2026 term with 24 Cubs. During this time 1 Cub moved up to Scouts and we welcomed 9 Cubs moving up from Beavers.

At the end of the Summer 2025 term we had to say goodbye to our Young Leaders Matthew and Conner, as we wished them all the best as they began university. We remember and give much thanks for all their hard work, encouragement to Cubs and Leaders, and enthusiasm in all things Scouting. We also said goodbye to Young Leader Lewis Carmichael but welcomed him as a Leader as he turned 18. Also during the last year we said goodbye to Heilyn as he is now a Young Leader with Donibristle Scouts. Earlier this year we were very happy to welcome Henry as a new Young Leader.



Jenny Rowe and Alastair Borrowman continue to be section leaders and as Lewis moved to St Bridget's (Monday) Cubs we welcomed Jennifer Campbell from St Bridget's to Donibristle Cubs. Both Cub sections continue to work closely together, including planning activities and running joint camps.

Donibristle Cub leaders are very grateful for the sharing of ideas and support offered by St Bridget's leaders which undoubtedly provides a broader range of activities and increased opportunities for both sections. Donibristle Cubs have also benefited from close links to Donibristle Scouts which have seen Scouts volunteer to come to Cubs, prior to their Scout meeting, to provide expert instruction and encouragement to Cubs. We hope that our collaborations with both St Bridget's Cubs and Donibristle Scouts will continue in the forthcoming year.



Joint camps with St Bridget's Cubs over the last year include a *Navigator Camp* in September and a *History Comes Alive Camp* in February. In December we had a joint *Winter Craft & Christmas* themed afternoon tea.

Thanks again to the Radio Scouting team we were once again able to take part in Jamboree on the Air in 2025.

Throughout the year we've been able to get out and about on Friday evenings to visit Dunfermline Fire Station, completed crate stacking adventures at Fordell and coding to run on the International Space Station at Inverkiething High School. This combined with busy nights at the Scout Hall have enabled us to work towards many activity and challenge badges resulting in the awarding of 128 badges since last summer.



# Supporting Content & Documents

## Section Reports – St. David's Scouts

Another successful year for St David's Scouts, with various camps and activities delivered alongside a fun and engaging programme.

With water activity days, programme nights outside the hall, and even some fun evenings with friends being important pieces of feedback from PL council - our programme has been full of action, and badge work too!

A return to the classic favourite of the Chef badge, alongside map and navigational skills ticked off a few more badges on Scout shirt sleeves - with some now edging closer to finishing their Chief Scout Gold Awards.

This year, the team have worked hard to harbour a culture of collaborative working and allowing our Patrol and Assistant Patrol Leaders to show their skills as future leaders.

PLs and APLs engaged positively in a leadership weekend where they workshopped plans to build their abilities to make important leadership choices with others, and to ensure that all Scouts felt welcome and included in all activities. This also included a trip to Go Ape to put those new-found teamworking skills to the test!

More camps included a feature to the District winter camp in February, and a Troop camp in March to hone in on skills and some ice skating too!

Scouts attended Adventure Camp in May, with plans for a final expedition for those about to move on to Explorers now being firmed up for the Summer months.

We are particularly proud of our Scout, Carolyn, who was selected for the World Scout Jamboree in Poland and of Douglas, who achieved his Chief Scout Gold this year.

Scouts will also attend Poachers Jamboree in the Summer

Zack Niven  
Team Member

# Supporting Content & Documents

## Section Reports – Donibristle Scouts

Since our AGM report last June, the troop has completed a remarkable 432 nights away across 11 camps. During that time, 16 further Gold Chief Scout Awards have been achieved alongside more than 400 staged and activity badges — another hugely successful and active year for Donibristle Scouts.

Our programme rotation has continued to focus on Adventure, Community Support and Awareness, Challenges, and Practical Skills, helping to keep meetings varied, engaging, and rewarding for all members.

Following a strong turnout at the June 2025 Rosyth District Camp, Donibristle Scouts joined forces with St David's Troop and Merlin ESU for the Auchengillan Jamboree during the summer holidays. Challenging weather tested the resilience of the group throughout the week, but the Scouts rose to the occasion brilliantly and returned with lasting memories and a real sense of achievement.

September saw a return to Barrwood for a weekend combining water-based activities, woodland adventures, and underground exploration. We also continued our push towards the Zodiac Award with camps throughout October, November, and December. Highlights included a hall-based camp followed by a day hiking above Dunkeld, a well-earned visit to Perth Leisure Pool's flumes, and the customary chippy tea on the journey home.

With two Expedition Challenge camps already completed in 2025, alongside so many Gold Chief Scout Award recipients, it is no surprise that we have said farewell to several long-standing Scouts as they moved on to new adventures in Merlin ESU. While some of those spaces have been filled by Cubs moving up, we have also seen encouraging growth through existing Scouts inviting school friends along to experience the troop. As a result, we have successfully cleared the waiting list for our section — at least for now.

As we moved into 2026, the camping programme continued at pace. District Scout Camp at Nineacres was followed by a weekend at Meggernie, where the troop focused on developing first aid and rescue skills from the comfort of the farmhouse dormitories. In April, our hammocks made their first outing of the year during a successful weekend at Craggan.

One of the standout moments of the year came during our first Expedition Challenge weekend of 2026 in April. Five Scouts — including two who had only recently turned 11 — travelled independently from Dunfermline to Aviemore before hiking into Rothiemurchus to establish camp. With plenty of time still left in the day, they chose to continue on to An Lochan Uaine, covering approximately 17km in total. They approached the challenge with maturity, determination, and excellent judgement throughout. All five successfully completed their Expedition Challenge Award and are now recipients of the Gold Chief Scout Award (see more via QR code below).

The following weekend, 12 members of the troop attended Adventure Camp over the May bank holiday weekend, where they catered entirely for themselves alongside a



packed programme of high-energy and problem-solving activities. For several of the Scouts involved, this marked their third consecutive weekend of camping and outdoor adventure with the troop — a fantastic reflection of their enthusiasm and commitment.

The success of our Chief Scout Award recipients has clearly inspired the wider troop, and we now have several Scouts who, despite only being in Scouting for a matter of months, have already achieved multiple challenge awards. Supporting that enthusiasm and progression continues to be hugely rewarding for our wider leadership team.

Next stop for the troop is Invertrossachs at the end of May, where recently developed skills will be put to the test as patrol leadership is handed over to some of our youngest members. Alongside this, the troop will enjoy paddlesports, backwoods activities, and a range of other outdoor challenges. In July, 12 members of the troop have earned places at the highly sought-after Blair Atholl Satellite Camp, taking place during the renowned Blair Atholl International Jamborette. We are excited to experience a new variation of summer camping this year.



Looking ahead to the summer and the next wave of transitions into Explorers, the troop will stand at 18 Scouts, with an average age of around 12 years old. Alongside some remaining capacity for new members, this gives us an exciting opportunity to continue expanding the scale of our adventures while further developing the skills, confidence, and resilience across the troop.

This year, the troop has been supported by five leaders and two Young Leaders. We are also pleased that our outgoing Young Leader is currently transitioning into a full leadership role, becoming our sixth leader, while another Young Leader is due to join us for the new school year. A huge thanks, as always, to Martin, Ewan, Taelor, and our wider team of leaders and regular supporters. Congratulations also to Ewan on completing his Wood Badge.

Finally, thanks to the continued support of the wider Group, our leadership team has successfully added four additional adventurous activity permits to the Group's permit pool, further strengthening the range of opportunities we can safely offer our Scouts.

**Rob McLeod**  
Team Lead, Donibristle Scouts



# Supporting Content & Documents

## Section Reports – Merlin Explorers

### Hold on to your neckers—it's been a wild ride!

What a year it has been for the Merlin Explorer Scout Unit! From the peaks of the Swiss Alps to the muddy (but brilliant) fields of Glasgow, our Explorers have been living life at full throttle. Here's a look back at twelve months of pure adventure.

## Numbers & Voices

We are officially **38 strong!** Our ranks have swelled over the last few years, with a fantastic mix of 14-to-17-year-olds bringing fresh energy to every meeting. But we aren't just big in numbers; we're big on ideas. The **Unit Forum** has been firing on all cylinders, taking the lead on themes and crafting a programme that actually matters to them.

## A Summer of Epic Proportions

After smashing through the 2025 exam season, we didn't just ease back into things—we leaped!

- **District Chill Camp:** The perfect reset. Whether we were diving into activities or literally "chilling" (as advertised!), it was the ultimate post-exam tonic.
- **Nine-Acres District Camp:** June saw us join the whole District family. We tackled everything thrown at us... though the less said about our "graceful" attempts at **Yoga on Paddleboards (SUPs)**, the better!



- **Kandersteg, Switzerland:** The big one! After two years of training camps to hone our independence and teamwork, we finally hit the **International Scout Centre**. A week of Alpine air, high-altitude bonding, and global Scouting spirit left everyone with memories (and stories) to last a lifetime.
- **AJ25 (Auchengillian):** No rest for the wicked! Days after returning from Switzerland, we headed to Glasgow for the massive week-long Jamboree. Meeting Scouts from all around, we ended the summer on an absolute high.

- **Subzero 26:** Returning to Auchengillian for another action packed weekend of fun and high energy activities.

## Skills for Life (and a bit of Chaos)

When we weren't living under canvas, our weekly sessions were packed with variety:

- **Mastering the Elements:** From Dutch-Oven cook-offs to traditional fires.



- **Expert Skills:** Emergency Aid training in the wild and specialized **Avionics Radio Communications**.
- **Adventure:** Night-time navigation and a high-octane end-of-session trip to **Scarefest at Alton Towers**.
- **Reflection:** A meaningful celebration of VE Day.



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### 🏆 Hall of Fame

A huge shout-out to our high achievers! This year, we are incredibly proud to celebrate four Explorers who earned their **Platinum Chief Scout's Award**:

🌟 **Matthew McCleery** | 🌟 **Isla McHardie** | 🌟 **Connor Docherty** | 🌟 **Eilidh Wood**

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### 🗣️ Final Word

Whether we were navigating by the stars or navigating a Swiss mountain, the Merlin Explorers have shown incredible resilience, humour, and spirit this year. A massive thank you to the leadership team and, most importantly, the Explorers who make this unit what it is.

**Bring on 2026–2027!**

*The Merlin Explorer Team*