

9th Pentland (Ratho) Scout Group
Financial Statements
for the Year ended 31st March, 2024

Scottish Charity No: SC047376

**9th Pentland (Ratho) Scout Group
Independent Examiner's Report
Year ended 31st March 2024**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Pentland District Scout Council

I report on the financial statements of the 9th Pentland (Ratho) Scout Group for the year ended 31st March, 2024 which are set out on pages 3 and 4.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The District's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations ("the Regulations"). The District's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1) (d) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44 (1) (d) the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

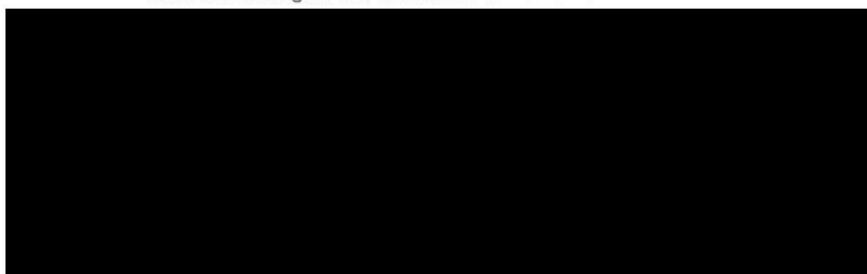
Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with the Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District 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 Report

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:-

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with the Regulations, and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the Regulations have not been met, or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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| Receipts and Payments | | 2024 | | 2023 | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--|---------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Subscriptions | | 16,027 | | 13,280 | |
| Grants | | 0 | | 1,000 | |
| Donations and fundraising activities | | 7,890 | | 10,683 | |
| Income from bank investments | | 0 | | 0 | |
| Gross receipts from other charitable activities | | <u>35,474</u> | | <u>34,503</u> | |
| Total receipts | | | 59,391 | | 59,466 |
| Payments | | | | | |
| Payments relating directly to charitable activities | | 69,892 | | 34,260 | |
| Grants and donations | | 0 | | 0 | |
| Administration costs | | <u>684</u> | | <u>395</u> | |
| Total Payments | | | (70,576) | | (34,655) |
| Deficit of Payments over Receipts | | | (11,185) | | 24,811 |
| | | | ===== | | ===== |

| Statement of Balances | | 2024 | | 2023 | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Opening Balances as at 1st April | | | | | |
| | | | 65,879 | | 41,068 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over Expenditure | | | | | |
| | | | (11,185) | | 24,811 |
| | | | 54,694 | | 65,879 |
| Group Executive – Treasurer's Account - RBS | 6,424 | | | 2,376 | |
| Group Executive – Savings Account | 8,115 | | | 8,115 | |
| Group Executive – Treasurers Account - BoS | 29,834 | | | 23,625 | |
| Group Executive - Activities Account | 1,910 | | | 24,481 | |
| Scout Troop – Treasurer's Account | 1,391 | | | 1,639 | |
| Scout Troop - Savings Account | 209 | | | 209 | |
| Cub Pack – Cash in hand | (136) | | | (95) | |
| Cub Pack – Treasurer's Account | 3,380 | | | 2,510 | |
| Cub Pack – Savings Account | 1,210 | | | 1,210 | |
| Beaver Colony - Cash in hand | 33 | | | 33 | |
| Beaver Colony - Treasurer's Account | <u>2,324</u> | | | <u>1,776</u> | |
| Closing Balances as at 31st March | | | 54,694 | | 65,879 |
| | | | ===== | | ===== |

The finance statements of pages 3 and 4 were approved by the Group Executive on 9 November 2024 and signed on behalf of the Trustees by

Chairperson

Secretary

Position

Signature

Name

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Notes to the Accounts

Trustee Remuneration

No Trustees received any remuneration during the year.

Trustee Expenses

No Trustees were provided with expenses, other than reimbursement of expenditure incurred.

Other information

All funds held are fully unrestricted, with the exception of part of the bank balance within the Group Savings Account for the Hall Development Fund account.

| Analysis of Receipts and Payments | 2024 | 2023 |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Gross Receipts from other charitable activities | | |
| Activities & Camps | 7,513 | 10,278 |
| Overseas Expeditions | 22,340 | 24,200 |
| Sundry Income: Gift Aid etc | <u>5,621</u> | <u>25</u> |
| | 34,503 | 34,503 |
| | ===== | ===== |
| Payments relating directly to charitable activities | | |
| Overseas Expeditions | 46,453 | 9,894 |
| Activities & Camps | 12,223 | 17,711 |
| Badges, neckers etc | 1,358 | 1,214 |
| Subscriptions | 9,512 | 4,423 |
| Training Expenses | 20 | 250 |
| Use of Halls | 0 | 300 |
| Equipment | <u>326</u> | <u>468</u> |
| | 69,892 | 34,260 |
| | ===== | ===== |

9th Pentland (Ratho) Scout Group
Trustees Annual Report
Period ended 31st March, 2024

The Executive Committee has pleasure in presenting their report, together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st March, 2024.

Name & Address

The name is Pentland District Scout Council and it may be contacted at 17 Bonnington, Kirknewton EH27 8BB

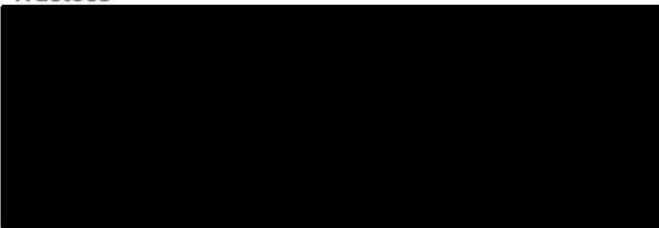
Constitution & Purpose

The Group is constituted in terms of the Rules of the Scout Association, which is a charitable body incorporated by Royal Charter.

The Council was registered as a Scottish Charity No. SC047376 on 5 May 2017.

The purpose of the group is to support the aims and purposes of the Scout Association

Trustees



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

Activities & Achievements

To support the Aims and Purpose of the Scout Association and to contribute to the development of Young People in achieving their full physical, intellectual and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and 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.

This was another strong and memorable year for the 9th Pentland, Ratho Scout Group. As-at the 1st April 2024, we had 27 leaders, plus 3 adults who hold executive committee roles. This team creates and runs exciting adventures for 94 young people. We continue to have a robust partnership with Tormain Explorers, regularly sharing leaders and taking part in joint camps and activities. We have 38% girls in our youth membership and a presence.

Undoubtedly our main highlight was the trip to the Netherlands, jointly with Tormain Explorers, for 10 days. In total 86 travelled including 68 young people. We stayed in an amazing modern scouting facility in Zeewolde, beside a land-locked sea. We visited the Zaanse Schans heritage village, cycled in the local area, built rafts, climbed into water zorbs, visited Amsterdam including a boat trip and Van Gogh museum, took part in activities with a large Canadian scout group including a Scottish themed day and meal for over 130 people. To conclude, we visited a local theme park.

As is now traditional, the whole group supported organising and running our annual Jumble Sale which raised over £2,800, our Gala Day where we ran a tea stall and a fairground and showed our respects at the annual Remembrance Service in Ratho.

The group participated in the first Pentland district camp, involving all sections, Pentjam, held at Fordell Firs. Not only did young people from all sections participate, but Ratho leaders played a key role in planning and running the event.

At Christmas the group and Tormain Explorers ran laser tag sessions in the church hall over several

nights.

A summary of just a few of the activities undertaken within each group section in the year:

Beavers - Den building, Time twisters soft play, Bonfire night, Machine invention, St Andrews Night, Gardening, Pancake day, Birdbox building, Easter Egg Hunt, Burns Night, Clip and Climb.

Cubs - Coronation, Tie Dye T shirts, Chariots and catapult pioneering, Water fight night, wide games, Overnight camp at Dalmahoy, Six nations U21 rugby, Sixer and Seconders wild camp, adventurous activities at Fordell Firs, Glasgow Science centre in the snow, Incident hike, Burns night, Map skills, Knots and Skills bases.

Scouts - Monopoly Run, Expedition along East Lothian coastal path over 2 nights, Bike orienteering, the Hunted game, Rube Goldberg machines, care home visit, Brass Monkey camp, cycle and chips night, visit to Blackness Castle, fire station visit, pioneering races, game show night and ice skating.

Reserves

The Trustees believe that around six months of annual expenditure is an appropriate level of reserves in order to cover the timing differences between receipts and payments and to allow for any unexpected items of expenditure. In addition, the group hold funds to held for the future development of a Scout Hut.

Approved by the Group Executive on 2024 and signed on its behalf by:-

