

21st Aberdeen (Cults) Scout Group

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 March 2023

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For the year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Reference and administration details

Charity name 21st Aberdeen (Cults) Scout Group
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number SC018385
Charity's principal address Scout Centre, South Avenue,
 Cults
 ABERDEEN

Postcode AB15 9LP

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)
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1		Team Member Group Leadership Team	
2		Chair	
3		Group Lead Volunteer	
4		Treasurer	December 2022 appointed
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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
	Acted for whole year and resigned March 2025

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document Constitution. Unincorporated association.

Trustee recruitment and appointment As set out in the Constitution. Trustees must satisfactorily complete The Scout Association's Disclosure Scotland check for membership of the PVG scheme; be eligible for Charity Trustee status; and complete, within 5 months of the date of their appointment, The Scout Association's on-line training modules (a) Essential Information; (b) General Data Protection Regulation; (c) Safety; (d) Safeguarding; and (e) Trustee Introduction.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes To actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. Young people work in partnership with adults; work together based on the values of Scouting (Integrity; Respect; Care; Belief; and Cooperation); enjoy what they are doing and have fun; participate in indoor and outdoor activities; learn by doing; share in spiritual reflection; take responsibility and make choices; undertake new and challenging activities; and make and live by their promise.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects The main activities of the Scout Group were providing fun, challenge and adventure to young people through a balanced programme of activities, events and experiences based around subject areas we call Programme Zones, starting in the Beaver Scout Section and continuing to the Scout Section by way of indoor and outdoor activities, weekly meetings and adventurous activities including camps in Scotland and abroad, allowing young people to progress through the Programme Zones and record their achievements.

Achievements and performance

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

Continued improvement and upgrading the Scout Centre. Essential maintenance has continued throughout the year.

Young people gaining Chief Scout's Awards and Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Meetings continued remotely and virtually for part of the year due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The return to face-to-face meetings was well received by all packs with group activities returning and also planning for summer camps returning.

Unfortunately, no fund-raising events were held during the year because of COVID 19 pandemic. which impacted income generated compared to the prior year.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The funds represent income earned but not yet utilised in supporting charitable activities. At 31 March 2023, the charity held £52,113 at the bank including £3,375 held by the Beaver Sections; £4,904 held by the Cub Sections; and £3,968 held by the Scout Section.

Ongoing development, maintenance and repairs of the Scout Centre can be significant, and a Reserve Fund has been maintained in this respect of £25,000. Some of these funds were used towards the cost of maintenance and upgrading of the Scout Centre. Significant funds will be required for (a) maintenance and repair of part of the roof of the building which is flat, and (b) Electrical Installation and Condition Report (EICR) mandatory testing and inspection of circuit boards, wiring and electrical accessories which must be completed in the latter half of 2024/25. The Trustees have designated a reserve fund of £25,000 (reviewed annually) to meet at least one year's operating costs and the Trustees consider this to be appropriate to respond promptly to any financial demands. The reserves policy maintained is compliant with the guidelines provided in the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses from the Charity during the year and are not paid any expenses for attendance at meetings.

The reimbursement of expenses is restricted to receipted expenditure incurred on behalf of the Charity.

Details of any deficit

During the year a deficit has been recorded of £10,934 reflecting the reduced levels of fundraising that was possible due to COVID 19 lockdown restrictions being in force and thus previous cash held by each section including the Group account has been eroded.

The Group continued to ensure maintenance of the Scout hall and other activities were funded in support of the objectives of the Charity.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

Other optional information

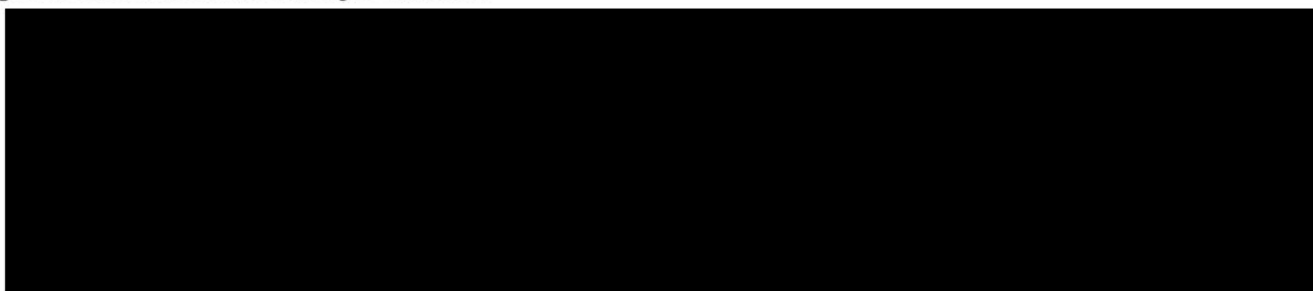
The Scout Group, established in 1909 and part of Scouts Scotland, is a voluntary uniformed youth organisation. The Group has been twinned with a Norwegian Sea Scout Group, near Stavanger since 1977 and since 2015 has partnership agreements with 3 schools in Gomel, Belarus. Stavanger and Gomel are 2 of Aberdeen's twinned cities.

As at 31 March 2023, the membership of the Group was 190 youth members and 59 adult volunteers, in 2 Beaver Scout Colonies; 3 Cub Scout Packs; and 1 Scout Troop, with a waiting list of about 23 of an age to join Beavers and about 19 of an age to join Cubs.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

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Position (Treasurer) Chairperson

Treasurer

Date 01/05/2025

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21st Aberdeen (Cults) Scout Group
Consolidated Receipts and Payments Statement
For the year to 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Receipts		
Membership subscriptions	11,500	23,242
Activities	3,921	5,155
Camp advance receipts (Norway/Templars/Lochgoilhead)	17,311	2,430
Group Donation	972	375
Sale of food & confectionary at events	10	205
Miscellaneous income	57	559
Property rental income	799	1,100
Gift Aid	-	2,107
Total Receipts	34,570	35,173
Payments		
Activities (biking, climbing, canoeing, etc)	3,978	3,581
21 st Group membership fees	6,262	13,832
Badges and uniform costs	3,644	2,514
Heat & Light	1,804	882
Confectionary and food	272	1,034
Handcrafts and art supplies	606	389
Games equipment	82	246
Building maintenance, fire and safety	1,277	4,453
Cleaning	2,108	1,693
Books	-	233
Audit and other finance charges	25	1,765
Administration and training	684	432
Refund of unused grant funding in prior years	-	413
Miscellaneous	359	4,028
Camps/Templars/District events	21,306	1,598
Bank charges	187	-
Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	2,910	-
Total Payments	45,504	37,093
Deficit for the year	(10,934)	(1,920)

Statement of Cash Balances as at 31 March

	2023	2022
	£	£
Opening balance at 1 April	63,048	64,968
Deficit for the year to 31 March	(10,934)	(1,920)
Closing balance at 31 March	52,114	63,048

Represented by Bank Balances

	£	£
Group bank accounts	39,867	49,591
Scout bank accounts	3,968	6,147
Cubs bank accounts	4,904	4,442
Beavers bank account	3,375	2,868
Total bank balances at 31 March	52,114	63,048

All funds are Unrestricted at 31 March 2023. A designated fund of £25,000 has been retained by the Trustees to ensure the adequate upgrade of the Scout Hall for necessary repairs and maintenance. This includes electrical upgrades and other improvements to heating and roofing that are required.

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees of 21st Aberdeen (Cults) Scouts

Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 21st Aberdeen (Cults) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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.

