



Annual Report 2023-24

10th Fife (1st Cupar) Scout Group

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Cupar

Charity No. **SC031406**

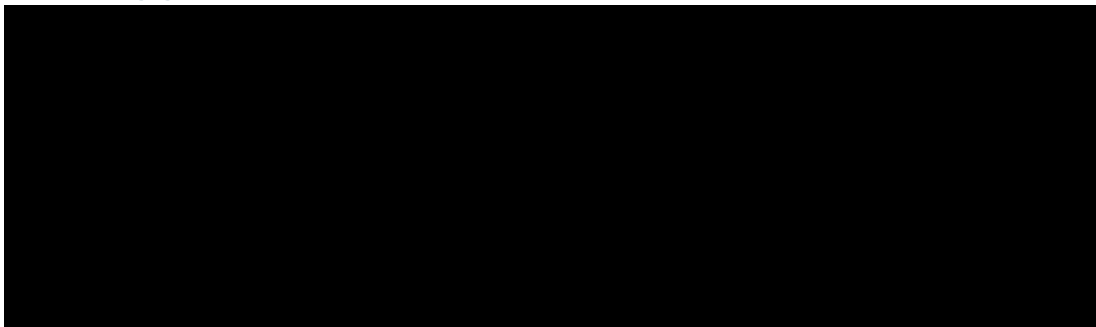
The Executive Committee has pleasure in presenting its report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Constitution & Purpose

The Scout Group is constituted in terms of the Rules of The Scout Association, which is a charitable body incorporated by Royal Charter. The Group is a registered Scottish charity – No. SC031406.

The Purpose of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The method of achieving the aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Trustees



Also, in accordance with the Scout Policy Organisation and Rules (POR), the Group Lead Volunteer is a Trustee.



Reserve's Policy

Unrestricted funds are held by the trustees to enable the organisation to cover any outstanding commitments (for a three month period) that may be incurred should the organisation find itself in the position of having insufficient resources to continue its operations. Reserves held are £34.391.

Reports

Trustee Board Chair's Report

First, I'd like to thank all the members of the Trustee Board for their hard work over the past year. As ever, I would like to make particular mention of our Treasurer [REDACTED] and our Group Lead Volunteer [REDACTED]. Thanks are also due to [REDACTED], who is stepping down as our Fundraising Coordinator - though I'm glad that she is continuing to be involved with the Group. A year ago, [REDACTED] joined the Executive Committee, as was, and she has made a valuable contribution to the Group.

Our uniformed volunteers, from our decorated Group Lead Volunteer to our Young Leaders, donate a huge amount of time and effort to deliver Scouting to the young people of Cupar and we are immensely grateful to them for that.

You might have noticed some new terms - the Executive Committee is now the Trustee Board, the Group Scout Leader is now the Group Lead Volunteer - and the Group Scout Council includes all the parents or carers of our young people, all adult volunteers, our Explorers and our Patrol Leaders. This is part of a reorganisation of Scouts in the UK at all levels, and we'll shortly adopt a new constitution to confirm these changes for the Group. With the Executive Committee becoming the Trustee Board, its remit is more clearly defined - and it covers governance rather than operational matters such as fundraising or hall maintenance. So while I take this opportunity every year to appeal for new volunteers, this year we are more in need of help than usual - but in more clearly defined roles than previously, and typically without requiring membership of the Trustee Board. That said if you would like to volunteer, but feel you have something to offer other than what might be required in the roles we have specified, please speak to any member of the Trustee Board. Whatever level of commitment you can offer, it will be appreciated.

Over the next year the Trustee Board will guide the Group as it adapts to the new structure.

Finally, I would again like to thank all involved in making Scouting in Cupar possible.

Group Lead Volunteer's Report

Summary

Cupar Scout Group has completed another successful year - its 115th since being founded in 1909. The young people in our Beaver Colony, 2 Cub Packs, 2 Scout Troops and Explorer Unit have made friends, shared experiences, encountered challenges and adventures, and learned new skills. The range of some of our Challenge Badges gives an idea of the breadth of our scouting programme – Outdoor, Adventure, Skills, World, Creative, Expedition, Teamwork, and Leadership. At Explorer level there is further scope for involvement in the Young Leader scheme and Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme.

There are also opportunities to meet foreign Scouts, and some of our Explorers attended the World Scout Jamboree in 2023, the International Patrol Jamborette at Blair Atholl this Summer, and an international Explorer Belt gathering in Norway.

The programmes are provided by the teams of Adult Volunteers in each of the sections, and I would like to thank them all for their time, enthusiasm and dedicated service.

Sections (individual section reports follow separately)

All sections provided full and varied programmes, with adventurous activities, badge work, and Nights Away opportunities – either indoors or under canvas.

Annual census

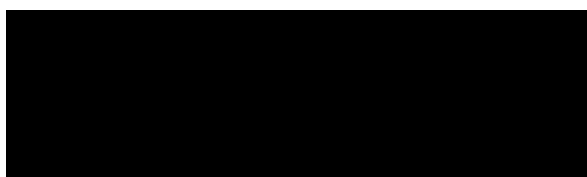
The annual census, held in January 2024, showed that youth membership at Cupar Scout Group has remained steady, with most sections operating at near full capacity. Section numbers were very similar to last year:

Beavers	16
Cubs	45 (comprising 23 on Tuesday and 22 on Wednesday)
Scouts	47 (comprising 23 on Monday and 24 on Thursday)
Explorers	35
Total Youth	143
Adult Volunteers	27 (Leaders and Trustee Board Members)

Adult volunteers

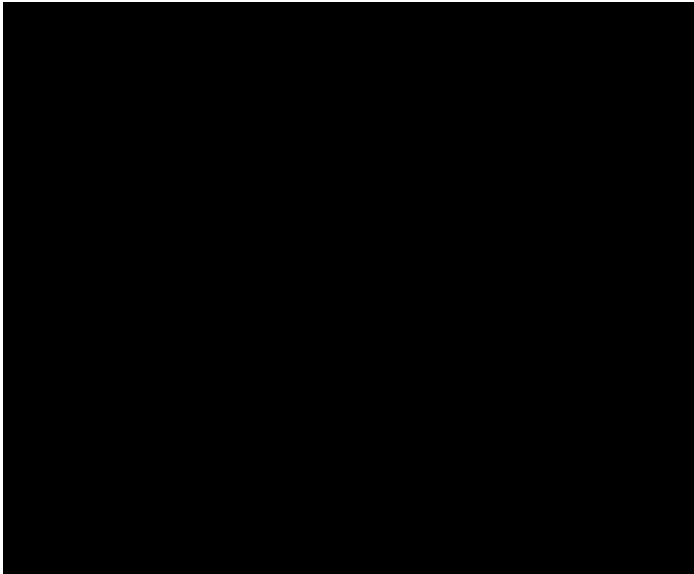
Recruiting new leaders is a constant challenge. Volunteers come and go, for all sorts of reasons.

During 2023/24 we said goodbye to the following volunteer leaders:





New leaders joining us were:

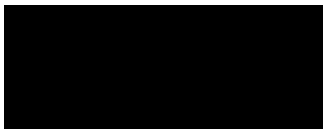


Some of these will be pursuing further or higher education next term, and we wish them all the best.

Retired from the Trustee Board:



Joined the Trustee Board:



Volunteer training

All Adult Volunteers are required to complete training appropriate to their role, and to renew training when needed. This is an ongoing exercise to keep volunteers compliant with safety, safeguarding, and other relevant topics. At present all our Volunteers are up to date with their training.

The Scout Hall

Our Board of Trustees is continually looking to maintain the hall and equipment, and to improve the facilities and activities available to our young people. In the past year we installed a crate climbing facility, with financial support from the St. Andrews University Community Fund, and we replaced our camping tables and benches, with financial support from The Bruce Trust. The broadband connection to the hall was also upgraded and extended to provide improved coverage.

Conclusions and thanks

Thanks are due to the Section Leaders and their teams, to the Young Leader Explorers who contribute greatly to the running of our section meetings, and to the Trustee Board for supporting and enabling the provision of Scouting in Cupar. Thanks also to Parents who help with activities, fundraising and transport.

Treasurer's Report

The last financial year has again been relatively stable for the group, although we are running at a deficit once again, reflecting high prices for energy, insurance and other ongoing costs. I will go into these in more detail in the course of this report. The return of the accounts from the section treasurers was completed in a timely manner, and there are only a few minor details to clarify before the accounts are sent to our independent examiner, [REDACTED], to certify before the return to OSCR before 31st December 2024.

The Group's cash reserves remain healthy, but overall as a group we have incurred a deficit of £6,055, mainly stemming from the group account, and partially from some sections. Some of this deficit was forecast last year, but some does need addressing too. We incurred a large one off cost to pay the invoice for the soundproofing (3,340), which was offset last year by a one-off donation in the 2022-23 financial year. We have invested in new energy efficient lighting for the hall (1,074), which has been reflected in a lower energy usage already. The unexpected bills came from Fife Council / ScotGov with the reintroduction of business rates for any premises with a ratable value over £12k. We receive a healthy discount as a charity, but were still liable for 1,489. There is a programme in place to taper this back in, but this was only resolved in the next financial year, which will be reflected in next year's accounts. The remaining deficit reflects ongoing high fixed costs (energy, insurance, cleaning, internet). We should be mindful to monitor costs going forward and ensure that we receive good value for money spent.

Capitation fee income has increased this year (from 6,230 to 8,898), with most families now paying the requested £7 fee per month per young person. This capitation fee contributes to the group's membership of Scouts Scotland (and hence Scouting UK), as well as towards the running costs of the group and the hall. Despite a letter writing campaign and information on Facebook and on the group website we still have some gaps in payments that we are looking to resolve. This is a long process to audit, but I will be providing the section leaders with information to chase families who are not paying this fee. If you are currently not paying the capitation fee (separate from the term fees), please contact myself or your section leader, who will be able to provide details of how to pay. The group is also able to collect gift aid on these payments, and this helps to provide extra revenue to keep the groups fund's healthy. Although it has not been possible to make a Gift Aid return in this financial year, a backdated application will be made for the past three financial years shortly.

The group has received support through both grants and donations this year. The group received a grant for new equipment for crate climbing from the University of St Andrews (1,580), while the Explorers also received a grant from the University Community Fund (1,150) for their Western Isles trip in 2024, and the residue of their previous Tesco Bags of Kindness funding (342). The group received donations from the Bruce Trust (800), Cupar Burns Society (50), plus donations for use of the hall and equipment, which altogether totaled 1,969. There has been some strong fundraising in some of the sections (see note 4), and some excellent contributions from the group too, with special thanks to Laura and Natalie for running these. In total 3,019 has been raised – with 240 for the group, and the rest for section funds.

The section incomes are healthy, and mainly covering the costs of activities with only a small deficit (see between Section 6 and Section 9). The split between termly activities and camping fluctuates, but reflects that we have a very active group with a lot of different things going on in each section.

The running costs of the group remain high, as I have indicated previously. Insurance (2,161), electricity (2,168), cleaning (1,140) and internet (515) are all ongoing costs that are unlikely to fall. The one notable reduction has been in the electricity bill, which in part was due to the introduction of the new lighting system. We have completed the soundproofing project (now paid for), upgraded the lighting, and invested in new equipment for crate climbing (1,656, paid for by grant from StA). These costs should be covered from the excess of the capitation fees, along with any fundraising activity, but at present this is where our deficit seems to be stemming from, as we are not fully covering these costs.

The hall has is no longer eligible for 100% relief on business rates, even as a charitable organisation, owing to the change in the relief banding set by the Scottish Government. However, we will continue to benefit from relief on water and sewerage charges from Scottish Water. Waste charges have remained steady this year, but are high for the service level we receive. We have not yet investigated alternative providers to Refsol/Fife Council but this should be considered. After some work by some of our trustees, we are no longer liable for the business improvement levy for the Cupar Now project (which was charged at 1% of our ratable value) – this appears to have become permanent now, which is a success.

As a group we're still in a good position and I would say we're back to business as usual in terms of a full set of in-person activities in each section. Our group cash reserves are now around £34,391, which keeps us in a strong financial position, but still on a downward trend. While we have purchased upgrades to the hall and some new equipment for all the sections to benefit from, we need to increase our fundraising to regain a neutral position. In the coming year we will need to look at Capitation Fees (in light of the increase from Scouts UK) and also for more fundraising opportunities.

One thing we will do as a group over the coming year is looking to place some of the group's financial reserves into two levels of savings account, with different notice periods, allowing us to maximise the passive income from interest. These will only be deposit accounts, and not investments; keeping in line with the policies in POR regarding safe keeping of funds.

In summary, we are still lucky that we have good reserves to ensure that we can continue to purchase new equipment where needed, provide support for all our sections, provide support for leader training and to keep our fabulous hall in the best shape for many years to come – but also to ensure we have funds to weather any bad rainy days that might come our way. So, please keep supporting your Scout Group and let's all look forward many more fun-filled days together in the next year.



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 10th Fife (1st Cupar) Scout Group (Charity No SC031406)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on pages 10 to 13

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. 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 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.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 31st March 2024

Receipts

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2023-24</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2022-23</u> <u>£</u>
Membership Subscriptions	1	2,922	5,976	8,898	6,230
Grants	2	0	3,072	3,072	3,041
Donations	3	1,969	0	1,969	5,637
Fundraising	4	3,019	0	3,019	2,073
Charitable Activity	5/6	15,666	0	15,666	20,401
Total receipts for Year		<u>23,576</u>	<u>9,048</u>	<u>32,624</u>	<u>37,382</u>

Payments

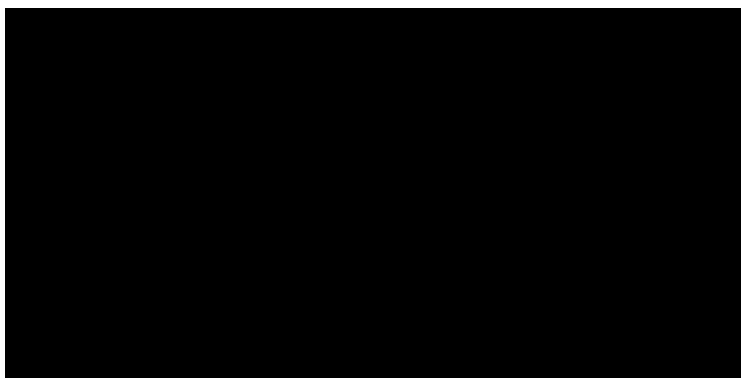
Membership Subscriptions		0	5,976	5,976	4,987
Charitable Activity	7/8/9	26,666	6,072	32,738	37,804
Total Payments for Year		<u>26,666</u>	<u>12,048</u>	<u>38,714</u>	<u>42,791</u>

Surplus/(Deficit) for Year

-6,055 **-5,409**

Statement of Cash & Bank Balances

	<u>2023-24</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2022-23</u> <u>£</u>
Opening balance at 1 st April 2023	40,446	45,855
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-6055	-5,409
Closing balance at 31st March 2024	<u>34,391</u>	<u>40,446</u>
Bank Current Account	23,691	30,740
Sections Bank A/Cs	10,168	8,047
Cash in Hand	532	1,659
Total Monetary Assets at 31st March 2024	<u>34,391</u>	<u>40,446</u>



Notes to the Statement of Receipts and Payments

The notes below form an integral part of these statements.

1. Membership Subscriptions

The annual capitation fees that are paid to the District Scout Council are classed as 'Restricted Funds' for the purpose of accounting to show that these funds are not part of the Cupar Scout Group funds.

2. Grants

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2023-24</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2022-23</u>
			<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Fife Charities Trust	0	0	0	771
Tesco Bags (Explorers)	0	342	342	1,026
University of St Andrews	0	2,730	2,730	1,244
	0	3,072	3,072	3,041

3. Donations

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2023-24</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2022-23</u>
			<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Use of Hall	591	0	591	863
Use of Equipment	342	0	342	350
Other	1,036	0	1,036	5,425
	1,969	0	1,969	5,638

4. Fundraising

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2023-24</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2022-23</u>
			<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Beavers Book Challenge	85	0	85	0
Thursday Scouts Bingo Night	716	0	716	0
Thursday Scouts Coffee Morning	710	0	710	0
Explorers Tesco Bucket Coll	505	0	505	0
Explorers Cupar Fireworks	150	0	150	0
Explorers Santa's Sleigh	249	0	249	0
Explorers Misc	365	0	365	0
Tombola at Corn Exchange	91	0	91	0
Cupar Fireworks Fundraising	96	0	97	0
Diabetes Coffee Morning	52	0	52	0
Old Equipment Sales	0	0	0	95
Tea Tent (2019 c/f)	0	0	0	305
Cupar Fun Day	0	0	0	331
Cupar Gathering of Societies	0	0	0	172
Farmers Market Oct 2022	0	0	0	151
Coffee Morning Nov 2022	0	0	0	593
Santa's Sleigh (2022)	0	0	0	242
Farmers Market Mar 2023	0	0	0	184
	3,019	0	3,019	2,073

5. Other Income

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2023-24</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2022-23</u>
			£	£
Gift Aid claimed	0	0	0	0
Sections contribution to hall	0	0	0	0
CuparNow DiD refund	0	0	0	143
	0	0	0	143

6. Section Income

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2023-24</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2022-23</u>
			£	£
Fundraising (*see note 4)	0	0	0	0
Camp Fees	5,252	0	5,252	10,955
Termly Income	9,932	0	9,932	6,284
Donations	26	0	26	3,020
Other Income	456	0	456	0
	15,666	0	15,666	20,259

Note 6 includes £20 income (termly income, unrestricted) from 2024-25 financial year, owing to banking timing at the end of March 2024.

7. Premises

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2023-24</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2022-23</u>
			£	£
Water & Rates	1,488	0	1,488	143
Waste	125	0	125	121
Light and Heat	2,169	0	2,169	3,037
Insurance	2,161	0	2,161	1,927
Repairs & Renewals	1,487	3,000	4,487	463
Cleaning	1,140	0	1,140	940
Equipment	76	1,580	1,656	3,230
Internet	515	0	515	436
	9,161	4,580	13,741	10,267

8. Other Expenses

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2023-24</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2022-23</u>
			£	£
Copying/Postage	0	0	0	0
Uniforms	76	0	76	66
Other	320	0	320	371
Refunds from District to Groups	0	0	0	0
Donation to WSJ from group	0	0	0	1,000
Music Licence	722	0	722	0
Fundraising expenses	372	0	372	178
Online Scout Manager (OSM)	76	0	0	
	1,566	0	1,566	1,615

9. **Section Expenses**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2023-24</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2022-23</u>
			£	£
Termly	8,122	1,492	9,614	9,510
Camp Fees	7,101	0	7,101	15,380
Hall use	0	0	0	0
Other (donation to WSJ explorers)	0	0	0	1,002
Misc Expenses	717	0	717	0
Adjustment to opening balance	0	0	0	0
	15,940	1,492	17,432	25,892

Note 9 includes £118 expenditure (termly) from 2024-25 financial year, owing to delays approving a pre-authorised bank payment at the end of March 2024. This is included in the unrestricted amount.

Section Reports

Beavers

We currently have 18 Beavers, the number having varied throughout the year as some have gone onto Cubs and new members have joined.

We have provided a varied programme of activities, both indoor and outdoor, including the following badges (although not exhaustive):

Activity:

- Creative,
- Communicator,
- Gardening,
- Health and Fitness,
- International,
- Space,
- Safety,
- Hikes away,
- Beavers Thistle.

Challenge:

A number of activities have been completed with the main emphasis on allowing 7 members to achieve their chief scout's bronze award by completing all 6 challenge badges required, before moving on to cubs.

In total, 281 badges have been awarded in the last school year.

All Beavers will be offered a night's away at the Girl Guides venue in Balmullo this September. Some attended a similar camp in May last year.

Some members attended the Trailjam walk at Tentsmuir in May this year.

The new team is still settling into roles with the future transitioning in mind.



Team Leader, Beavers

Cubs

Both Cub Packs have followed similar programmes over the past year, using the various Challenge Badge activities as a basis (Skills Challenge, Adventure Challenge, Outdoor Challenge, Teamwork Challenge, etc).

Activity Badges done as a Pack have been:

- Emergency Aid Stage 2,
- Artist, Communicator,
- Digital Maker Stage 1,
- Time on the Water,
- Scientist

In September 2023 both Packs tried paddle boarding and archery at Cellardyke with East Neuk Outdoors.

Last November both Packs attended the Cupar Youth Musical Theatre production of We Will Rock You.

Both Packs held a weekend camp in May this year at the Carmichael Centre, Balmullo, where the theme was the Clans and the Battle of Bannockburn.

And finally, both Packs tried surfing at St. Andrews West Sands in June this year, with Blown Away.

I would like to thank the fantastic Volunteers and Young Leaders at both Cub Packs:

At Tuesday Cubs – [REDACTED]

At Wednesday Cubs – [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

Acting Team Leader, Cubs

Monday Scouts

Since the last AGM:

- We have visited Willowgate Watersports Perth paddleboarding
- Had a camp in the hall for our patrol/APL and did an expedition to Edinburgh
- Attended Remembrance Sunday parade
- And visited Combat City Dundee and invested new Scouts

After Xmas:

We did crate staking in the hall invested more new scouts

- Had a food around the world cooking activity
- Joint camp with Thursday/Explorers
- More cooking activities
- Trailjam Tentsmuir Combat City and jujitsu
- Camp at Wymess Fir kirkcaldy Blown Away

Invested more scouts and had presented scouts with Chief Scout Gold Award and Blown Away St Andrews for paddleboarding

██████████, Team Leader

Thursday Scouts

We have had a very busy year, which started off with a massively successful May Bingo night, with many of our Scouts assisting in setting up, serving, and handing out prizes. We used the funds raised to take the Scouts to Wild Shore, and we also managed a session at East Neuk Outdoors, where the Scouts tried out axe throwing, archery and kayak.

As usual we took part in the JOTT at Tentsmuir. Poignant at the time as it was to be the last ever. A good number of our troop turned up and it was a memorable day.

We had a few camping opportunities; we sent a patrol to the North East Fife District Camp, coming a close second to the eventual winners. We followed it up with a summer camp at Ring Farm, which introduced all our new Scout intake from January in their first proper Scout camp. We joined with Ceres Scouts in some events to celebrate our own Highland Games, the traditional welly hurling, and a tug o' war! The rain put a slight dampener to proceedings on the Sunday morning but everyone had a fantastic time. It was Michael Alexander's last camp with Thursday Scouts as he left to be a full-time Explorer Leader. We are very grateful for all the time he has given us and are sure he will make an excellent ESL. In September we joined forces with Balmullo Scouts for an adventurous expedition based in Fordell Firs but with most of the Saturday spent in Edinburgh playing 'Edinburgh Monopoly', visiting the castle, Princes St Gardens, the Royal Mile and having dinner in McDonald's before catching the train back to Inverkeithing. We didn't camp again until March 2024, which was a rather wet and windy Roman-themed camp with Monday Scouts and Cupar Explorers at Wormiston. A shock to the system for us all, but the Scouts acquitted themselves well throughout, making the most of the best of the weather, playing capture the flag with homemade banners with Latin slogans and trying archery.

We had a second successful fundraising event in October 2023, this time a coffee morning, which was very successful. The highlight for many was the 'Scout in the Stocks', which saw Scouts, particularly the older ones, get pelted with wet sponges. Even though the weather outside was atrocious, we still made good money from it! This enabled us to splash out on a trip to Combat City in Dundee before Christmas for some laser tag, and also purchase some material for the Scouts to sew their own camp blankets, which they really took to.

Thursday Scouts also took part in some environmental projects. In June we bashed some Himalayan Balsam along the riverside in Cupar, a rather annoying invasive plant which spreads very easily along watercourses if not tackled. In September we also did a very successful litter pick at Bell Baxter High School grounds. The Scouts were enthusiastic about both projects, showing community spirit!

Throughout the year the Leadership Team at Thursday Scouts has been evolving and with a couple of parents coming on board, we are in good shape. [REDACTED] rieder and [REDACTED] have been great additions to the team, assisting [REDACTED] and myself. Between us all, we have tried to provide as varied a programme for our Scouts, to enhance their skills for life. We also had help from Heart Start St Andrews for a session on CPR and Defibs, and a wonderful session with [REDACTED] and his rescue dogs. Although for this year I have had to take on the role of treasurer as well, by the end of March it looked like I had found one, in the very capable [REDACTED], who will take on the role for the next tax year. I would personally like to thank everyone who has helped make this a memorable year, I may be the 'Team Leader', but I could not do it without such an amazing and supportive team around me.

[REDACTED], Team Leader

Explorers

Our highlights from the last year include:

- Western Isles 2024 – we spent a week exploring Lewis and Harris. Some of our highlights include kayaking, mountain biking, climbing, coastal walks, visiting the Callanish Stones, and a very competitive sandcastle-building competition! We are very grateful to Stornoway Scouts for the use of their hall over the week – it was a very welcome shelter from the wind and rain.
- Blair Atholl 2024 – [REDACTED] were selected to represent Cupar in the NE Fife Patrols. They had a fantastic time and learned loads. Many thanks to the Group for their financial support.
- Joint Cupar Scout/Explorer camp, March 2024 – the Scouts and Explorers enjoyed a camp together. It was great to see some of our Explorers taking on responsibility and leading the younger ones.
- Woolly Jumper 2024 – 11 Explorers attended this Scotland-wide camp near Aberdeen. They had a wonderful time in spite of a few transport-related ‘hiccups’!
- Wee Sleep Out, November 2023 – the Explorers braved a night in the cold at Cupar bandstand and raised over £1000 for homelessness charity Social Bite.
- Duke of Edinburgh’s Award expeditions – we had one Bronze group, two Silver and one Gold group as part of the District DofE provision. We’re very grateful to District for the DofE support.
- [REDACTED] attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards camp. Many thanks to Howe Rotary and Cupar Rotary for sponsoring our young people to attend.
- Trips to Go Ape, Foxlake waterpark, Clip n’ Climb and bowling.

Our Explorers have been working hard on their top awards. Many congratulations to the following: [REDACTED], our Explorer Scout of the Year; [REDACTED], who has achieved both his Gold DofE and his King’s Scout Award; [REDACTED], who has achieved his King’s Scout Award; [REDACTED], who has achieved her Explorer Belt. We have also awarded a number of Chief Scout’s Platinum and Diamond Awards, as well as DofE Bronzes and Silvers.

[REDACTED] have now left Explorers as they have turned 18 but we are delighted that they continue to help out with younger sections in Cupar when they can.

Our numbers are high but manageable with 32 Explorers on the books. Our projections suggest that the Unit size is stable (at least until summer 2025), which is good news.

We have a new Leader – [REDACTED] joins us from Highlands and Islands. She's an experienced Explorer Leader and has already been helping lots with Young Leader training among many other things! [REDACTED] has sadly left us as he has moved to Denmark. We wish him all the best on his next adventure.

Many thanks to [REDACTED], and to all those from Group and District who continue to help our Explorers.

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Explorer Scout Leader