



Annual Report & Financial Statements

Robert Carr

20 August 2021

26th Perthshire (Dunning) Scout Group
c/o Westwood
Dunning
PH2 0QN



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11 March 2020 - 31 March 2021

Reference and Administrative Details

- Official Name: 26th Perthshire (Dunning) Scout Group
- Charity Number: SC050026
- Principal Address: Westwood, Dunning, PH2 0QN (*Chair's home address*)
- Website Address: <https://scouts.dunning.rocks>

Current Executive Committee

- Robert Carr - Chair
- Nathan Critchlow-Watton - Group Scout Leader
- Ruth Emond - Secretary
- Valle Ruiz Diver - Treasurer
- Sally Dawson
- Paul Kimber
- Sofie Wilkie-De Hertogh
- Kevin McKechnie
- Peter Diver (BSL)

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Group is governed by the terms detailed in the constitution of The Scout Association (incorporated by Royal Charter in 1912) and as detailed in its Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) and as amended by its Scottish Variations. It is a member of The Scout Association having accepted the aims of the Association.

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Appointment of Executive Committee

New members of the Executive Committee (the "Exec") are recruited in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association as and when required from existing and new contacts. Any newly appointed Exec members are advised of the objectives and activities of the Group, and are to act in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. Assistance and training is provided to new Exec members by the existing members; all new Office Bearers are trained and validated in Modules 1, GDPR, Safety, Safeguarding and Trustee Introduction, in accordance with The Scout Association's National Adult Training Scheme.

Organisational Structure

The Executive Committee meets 4 times a year to determine policy, review our finances and development programme, and how best to support operational matters.

Risk Assessment

The Group is dependent upon receiving sufficient funding and donations to enable it to continue to work towards achieving its objectives. The Exec has carried out an assessment of all the major risks (including those related to Health & Safety) and is satisfied that it has systems or procedures in place to manage those risks.

All Leaders, regular helpers and Office Bearers must be members of the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme and have had an enhanced Disclosure through The Scout Association from Disclosure Scotland within the past 5 years. All adult members have undertaken and been validated for GDPR to ensure that all personal data held by the Group is done so securely and in line with the current legislation.

Objectives & Activities

The aim of the Group is to promote the purpose of Scouting which is that Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The Group is organised in line with the Values of Scouting which are that as Scouts we are guided by these values:

- Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

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- Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.
- Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
- Co-operation - We make a positive difference; co-operate with others, make friends



GSL's REPORT (to 31 March 2021)

The Scout motto is “Be Prepared”, but none of us could have been prepared for what’s happened since March 2020.

It’s obviously been a difficult year for everyone, and we haven’t been able to deliver the full range of exciting activities and events we had planned.

Despite that, the Group, and the Young People, rose to the challenge.



I was very proud of the Group’s immediate response to the crisis. Even before lockdown was announced the Group worked with the Community Council and Nisa to distribute leaflets to everyone in the village, build a register of those offering and needing help, and pair-up “buddies” to shop for the vulnerable and make sure they weren’t isolated in their homes without any support. Throughout 2020 the Group kept working to support the community, culminating in coordinating the delivery of Christmas meals (donated by Simon Howie and Nisa) to all over-80s in the village.

It was a fantastic example of the Group living the values of Scouting, and the place of Scouting at the heart of the local community.

Throughout the many phases of lockdown the Group adjusted and continued to provide safe Scouting opportunities for our Young People. Zoom meetings gave us a chance to connect – and the Leaders are trying hard to develop a “mute all” button for face-to-face meetings.

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When the first lockdown lifted in August, we moved quickly to safely return to face-to-face meetings. That involved a lot of paperwork and planning for Leaders, but it was worth it to see how much the Young People appreciated getting back together again to share in their favourite Scouting activities.



After the October break, Simon Howie kindly offered us use of a barn, which meant all three Sections could meet indoors during the worst weather. The Scouts stayed outside all the way through winter filming their “Zombie Apocalypse”, and only going indoors for its World Premier at the end of the winter term.

The second lockdown sent us back to Zoom again for the spring term; as I write this, we are planning to return to face-to-face meetings after Easter.

I’d like to thank the Leadership Team for their resilience and hard work over the last year – it is a testament to their commitment to the Young People that they provided Scouting despite the array of difficulties the year has thrown up, and the challenges of their own work.



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The Young People couldn't have a better team to support them. I'm very proud to lead such a great team and a great Group.

Finally – I'd like to thank the Executive Committee, and particularly Rob. He's overseen the registration of the Group as a charity and led on the build of our fantastic shelter in the woods - which will be a brilliant resource for the Group for years to come.

Census returns are made on the 31st of January each year:

Section	2018	2019	2020	2021
Adults	7	8	20	22
Beavers	11	19	10	13
Cubs	0	24	28	23
Scouts	0	0	10	14
Total	18	51	68	72

A steady growth, starting from the original eleven Beavers in September 2017!



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Main Achievements 2020-21

- **Registering as a Charity.** The Beaver colony started in Dunning in September 2017, steadily growing in size adding Cubs, then Scouts sections. With more structure and adult volunteers, our new Executive Committee registered the Scout Group as a charity in Scotland on 11 March 2020.
- **Kincladie Shelter.** Groundworks started on building our shelter in Kincladie Woods
- **Community Impact:**
 - We worked with the Dunning Community Council to assist vulnerable residents in our community during Covid lockdowns.
 - Our Young People helped deliver Christmas meals to the over 80s in the village.
 - Gave 50+ young people in our community the opportunity to work and play together with Scouting activities and adventure... despite all the restrictions that Covid-19 threw at us.
- **Environmental Impact:**
 - Transplanted seedlings in Kincladie Wood.



Financial Review

Overview

The accounts show that at 31 March 2021 we had a surplus of £5017.86. With continuing uncertainty over Covid-19 restrictions it is not clear what the year ahead will offer. We agreed to commence purchase of camping and activity-related equipment in 2021, as soon as restrictions start to ease in the hope of supporting extended activities and events.

In December 2020 we were awarded a grant of £5,000 from the NISA Heart of the Community Fund. We were nominated by Zubair and Zara Aslam and this is one of only two grants given in Scotland. The grant will be used to expand the range of activities and purchase camping kit.

Restricted Funds

Perth & Kinross Community Infrastructure Fund - £ 8,087.60 awarded 23 March 2020 (£7,472.41 remaining to be spent as of 31 March 2021) for the construction of the Kincladie Shelter.

Robertson Trust - £2000 awarded in January 2020 (£1653.81 remaining to be spent as of 31 March 2021) for the purchase of bushcraft equipment.

Reserves Policy

Our aim is to maintain a cash reserve to ensure that we could provide financial support for membership subscription and attendance at Scouting events for those families in need, plus facilitate an emergency fund. This reserve is in addition to any known outgoings, such as Scouts census fees, meetings expenses, badges, Leaders' uniforms and specific projects.

The Exec agreed to maintain a reserve of approximately one third of our typical annual income from subscriptions; however, this is likely to fluctuate while we are still in early days of equipment purchase and adhere to any restrictions in place due to Covid-19.

Income & Expenditure Summary March 2020 - March 2021

		£	£
Balance as at 13.03.20			5011
Income:			
Donations, Legacies & Similar			
	Membership Subscriptions	1891	
	Donations - Gift Aid	76	
	Donations - Non Gift Aid	450	
	Events	76	
	Legacies	0	
	Camps	-240	
Grants Received		5650	
Fundraising		60	
Bank Interest		0	
Property Rent Income		0	
Miscellaneous		0	
Interest		0	
Robertson's Bush Craft Retainer		346	
Kincladie Shelter Build		615	
Total Income			8925

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Expenditure:				
Membership Subscriptions (National/County/Area/District)			1836	
Badges			92	
Neckers			279	
Uniform			72	
Consumables			525	
Camps			-273	
Stationery			0	
Training			3	
Rent			68	
Equipment			0	
Repairs			0	
OSM Running Costs			154	
GoCardless Charges			45	
Events			143	
Robertson's Bush Craft			346	
Kincladie Shelter Build			615	
Total Expenditure				3906
Net Profit / (Loss)				5019
Balance as at 31 March 2021				10029
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Deferred Income	Robertson's Bush Craft Grant			-1654
	Kincladie Shelter Build			-7472

Future intentions



The Group has an ambitious five-year development plan, which people are welcome to view. Below are the key areas we wish to progress in 2021/2022:

Activities

Our focus will be on returning to a regular routine of camping and activities, across all sections. We will develop a regular routine of events across the year, and continue to expand the range of activities we offer to the Young People.

Sustain Rolling Recruiting Plan for Leaders, Exec and Helpers

Dunning is a successful Group; we are successful because we attract adults willing to share their time and skills to help Young People develop and gain new experiences.

We can only offer Scouting opportunities with the support of parents and other adults. We are always looking for adults to help out - we work as a leadership team, so the workload is spread-out. It's a great social activity too. In 2021/22 we will run a recruitment campaign to attract new leaders, helpers and exec members.

Register With HM Revenue & Customs

This will allow the Group to recover Gift Aid on donations and subscriptions, as well as recover VAT on the Kincladie Shelter build costs.

Kincladie Wood Shelter

We intend to complete the build of a permanent shelter in Kincaldie Wood to support Scouting activities by autumn 2021. This should extend the use of the woods into the spring and autumn months, as well as provide a base for winter activities.

Permanent Indoor Venue and Equipment Storage Location

Whilst our shelter in Kincladie will hugely enhance our existing use of the woods throughout the year, it is not a substitute for , it is not suitable as an "indoor" meeting venue, and does not offer any secure storage. There is uncertainty over the continued availability of Dunning Village Hall as an indoor venue for use from October-March each year, and there are no other suitable venues in the village which can accommodate the number of Young People we attract.

We intend to keep searching for suitable indoor activity and storage locations. Having had a winter season using the Kincladie Shelter, we will review its suitability in March 2022 and develop a plan to progress a long-term solution for the winter months.



Approval

This report was drafted by the Group Chairman, reviewed by the Executive Committee and approved by GSL:

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Approved: Nathan Critchlow-Watton

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