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83rd Fife (Cairneyhill) Scout Group – Annual Report 2014/2015

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2015.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name	83 rd Fife (Cairneyhill) Scout Group
Charity Registration Number	SC 029771
Principal Address	Northbank Road Cairneyhill Fife KY12 8RN

The trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Alan Johnstone (Chairman)	
John Leel (Treasurer)	
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Jill Higgins	Cub Scout Parental Representative
Eileen Robertson	Cub Sectional Representative
Shona Napier	Scout Parental Representative
Margaret Davidson	Scout Parental Representative
Jerry Aird	Explorer Scout Parental Representative
Dorothy Peters	Beaver Scout Leader
Amanda Fyfe	Cub Scout Leader
David Salthouse	Scout Leader
Callum Farquhar	Explorer Scout Leader

Trustees for the Scout Group

Alex Duncan	Regional Commissioner)	of East Scotland Region for
Gordon Coupar	Regional Chairman)	the time being and their
Phil Smithard	Regional Secretary)	successors in office

<u>Independent Examiner</u>	Iain A T Mowat CA 187A Stonelaw Road Rutherglen Glasgow G73 3PD	<u>Bankers</u>	Bank of Scotland 1 Bothwell Street Dunfermline Fife KY11 3AG
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Structure, Governance and Management

The Group is an unincorporated recognised Scottish charity and 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. The Group Council is the electoral body which supports scouting in the Scout Group. It is the body to which the Group Executive Committee is accountable.

The Group Council must hold an Annual General Meeting within six months of the financial year end to adopt the Annual Report of the Group Executive Committee, including the Annual Statement of Accounts. The Group Council must approve the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chairman and nominated members of the Group Executive Committee, elect a Group Secretary and a Group Treasurer and elect certain members of the Group Executive Committee.

The Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of his appointment. The Committee is responsible for the maintenance of the Group's property and equipment, the raising of funds and the administration of the Group's finance, the insurance of persons, property and equipment, group public occasions and assisting with the recruitment of leaders and other adult support.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

New trustees are recruited as and when required from existing and new contacts. Any newly appointed trustees 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 and the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 in force at the date of appointment. Assistance and training is provided to new trustees by the existing trustees and all new Office Bearers are trained and validated in Module 1 of The Scout Association's National Adult Training Scheme by Dunfermline District Scout Council. A full induction Pack is provided to all new members.

Risks

The Group is dependent upon receiving sufficient funding and donations to enable it to continue to work towards achieving its objectives. The Committee 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 or have had an enhanced Disclosure through The Scout Association from Disclosure Scotland within the past 5 years.

Objectives and 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.

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; we co-operate with others and make friends.

Volunteers

In addition to 14 uniformed leaders, approximately 30 parents of young people attending the Scout Group helped with various activities to raise funds or just to help out. It is difficult to put a monetary value on this input but the results of our volunteer help can easily be appreciated.

Achievements and Performance

It has been another successful year for the Scout Group with all of our members progressing through the Award Scheme, gaining their Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond Chief Scout's Awards as well as numerous Activity Badges. Each section has had its highlights and these are detailed later in the Annual Report. The Group provides a programme of activities including progression through the various Scouting awards. We link what we do to the four capacities of the Scottish Government's Curriculum for Excellence and try to develop successful learners; confident individuals; effective contributors; and responsible citizens. Where possible we ensure that our members are achieving a number of the experiences and outcomes set by the government. We provide activities for those aged 6-25 in the West Fife Villages area, based in Cairneyhill, with a current membership of 108.

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Our Group links to the Fife Community Plan's Improving Health and Well-being in Fife as many studies have shown that youngsters are today spending more time in front of TVs and computers and less time outdoors. Scouting involves being outdoors, making most of leisure time and makes for stronger/safer communities. In this, Scotland's Year of Homecoming, we welcome our friends from Japan and Sweden during the summer holidays and reciprocating the wonderful hospitality that we experienced in previous years. Our members work on the following learning areas which fit directly into the aims of the Fife Community Plan of making Fife's communities safer and creating a better educated Fife; Working with others; Self –awareness; Communication skills; Intercultural and global awareness; Problem solving; Review and evaluation; Health and Safety; Citizenship; Project theme skills and Number and Information Technology. The Group also contributes to Fife Council's Big 8 Priorities by offering improved sport, leisure and cultural opportunities to young people in the West Fife Villages.

The Scout Group in Cairneyhill provides a community facility for the village that is regularly used by the After-School Club; Mothers & Toddlers; the Brownies; the Youth Club; Karate and Dance Groups; Football Teams and for one-off lets. It is also used as a Polling Station for all elections. We also provide two 17-seater minibuses that are regularly used by a variety of local groups from playgroups to groups of those who are retired. Scouting in Cairneyhill is most definitely a part of the community, not apart from the community, and will continue to support others in the future.

Financial Review

The Group recorded an Unrestricted Funds surplus of £4,823 for the year compared with an Unrestricted Funds deficit of £16,236 in 2014. The Restricted Funds brought forward as unspent from 2014 of £31,366 were expended as planned and all Restricted Funds received in 2015 were fully expended.

Reserves Policy

The Group Executive Committee have agreed that the level of free reserves, being the unrestricted and designated funds, excluding the Stewart Hall Trust Fund, which are required to sustain operations in the event of unforeseen adverse future financial events should be a minimum of three months operating costs. Free reserves at 31 March 2015 amounted to £84,510 and this meets the current requirements.

Investment Policy

Surplus funds are held in bank accounts during the year.

Plans for the Future

The Group remains committed to providing an exciting programme of activities for those aged 6-25 in the West Fife Village area.

Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper books and records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements, which they are responsible for preparing, comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The applicable law also sets out the responsibilities of the trustees for the preparation and content of the Trustees Annual Report. Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Examiner

A resolution to re-appoint Iain A T Mowat CA as independent examiner will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by,



Donald Wilson
Secretary, Group Executive Committee

5th June 2015

Chairman's Statement

This has been another busy and successful year has passed for the 83rd with all sections engaging in the wide range of activities. I am sure I shouldn't be envious of the section members, but I don't remember Water Skiing, Skiing and Mountain Biking as activities on offer when I was a Scout!

Over the last year there have been too many points of interest to include in this short statement. Some of the most notable have the Cubs success in winning the District Sports Day. The Scout Section had a successful camp at Great Tower Scout Camp at Lake Windermere, won the Zonal Camping Competition and on individual level Scott Lowrie and Ross La Trobe were both awarded their gold Chief Scout Awards. The Explorers have continued to enjoy a number of trips abroad, including skiing in Sweden and a visit to the USA. Those selected are currently preparing to travel to Japan for the World Jamboree.

The leaders and member of each section have again applied themselves diligently in achieving a range of awards and it has been particularly pleasing to see members progressing through the sections.

The 83rd benefits hugely from having a group of dedicated, hardworking and enthusiastic leaders, without whom our children would not have the fantastic opportunities Scouting brings. This year has seen Laura Buchanan (Falcon) step down from the group after 16 years of involvement and I would like to take this opportunity to thanks Laura for contributing so much to the success of the Beaver Colony.

Like all voluntary organisations, the 83rd would welcome additional support. This may come in the form of a commitment to one of the uniformed sections, joining the Executive Committee or contributing to a one off activity. The Scout Hall itself is a fantastic facility for the group and the wider community and requires regular maintenance to function and remain safe for all users. The Group Executive Committee would welcome help in managing the hall to ensure it continues to be available to all.

My thanks also go to the Section Leaders, Young Leaders, and Exec Committee Members for the countless hours of effort they have generously given over the year. Without them there would be no 83rd. We are fortunate to have talented individuals willing to give of their time and share their passion for Scouting.



Alan Johnstone
Chair, Group Executive Committee

5th June 2015

Beaver Leader:

Dorothy Peters

Assistant Beaver Leaders:

Lorna Couper

Lyndsay Strang

Sectional Assistant:

Laura Couper



April 2014 – March 2015

Listed below are just a few of the things that the colony has done over the past year:

- Hamish Kilbane's Race Track
- Cairneyhill in Bloom with Peter Carney
- Gala Day
- Dunfermline District Christmas Party
- Sleepovers – Limekilns scout hall in June 14 and Cairneyhill scout hall in Dec 14
- Beaver Investitures
- Planting, watering and maintenance of the Beaver flower tub May – Oct 14
- Erecting tents
- Archery session and Hike 1 badge for oldest Beavers before their swim up to the Cub section
- Raising funds for charity
- Founder's Day Parade and Church Service Feb 15
- Two joint nights with 116th Carnock Beavers to complete the Scottish Challenge badge
- Visit to Hilton Woods
- Fordell Firs (DiDi cars and wide games)
- Visit to the new Torryburn Play Park
- Delivery of Cairneyhill Scout post
- Panto
- Bug hunt with the 116th Carnock Beavers
- Visitor James Smith told us about his job as a policeman
- Indoor curling
- Young Leaders did an evening about their time at the Blair Atholl Jamborette
- Dunfermline District Carol Service
- Crafts, games, songs etc

Young Leaders and Scout Helpers

We are very fortunate to have a number of Explorer Scouts who are also Young Leaders with our section.

Our Young Leaders contribute ideas for the programme, plan some of the evenings and activities and help run the programme on a weekly basis. All of our Young Leaders are completing Saltire Awards as well as working towards the Volunteering section of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. We congratulate them on their achievements and thank them for their continued commitment to the Beaver section.

Beaver Leader - Falcon (Laura Buchanan)

At our last AGM in June 2014 we said goodbye to Beaver Leader Laura Buchanan (Falcon). Laura had been with the group since she joined as a Young Leader at 16, taking out her full warrant at 18 and giving 16 years of service to the group. Laura particularly enjoyed doing crafts and singing with the Beavers. We were very sad to see her leave and Laura will be really missed. We thanked Laura for all her work at the group and wished her well at her new group in Tranent which is closer to where Laura now resides.

Sectional Assistant – Buzzard (Laura Couper)

In April 2014 one of our Explorer Young Leader's Laura Couper turned 18 and has taken out her warrant as a Sectional Assistant.

Badges

The Beavers weekly programme usually covers a couple of the requirements for the six Challenge Badges they are working towards. Listed below are a few examples of what we have been doing for the badges this year:

Promise Challenge

- Run around scouting quiz
- Beaver Investitures
- Beavers giving us ideas for the programme
- Keeping our Promise
- Founder's Day Parade and Church service
- Remembrance Day service and Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

Fitness Challenge

- Beavers playing loads of different types of games including new ones eg Indoor curling
- Beavers making healthy fruit kebabs
- Follow/making trails
- Learning how to wash hands properly whilst on sleepovers

Friendship Challenge

- Joint activities with 116th Carnock Beavers – including doing the Scottish Challenge badge and having a Bug hunt with them
- Planting and maintaining the Beaver flower tub over the summer months
- Participation in the Church Village Flower Festival

Creative Challenge

- Gala float preparations
- Indoor campfire and new songs
- Race track
- Made Christmas calendars at District Party

Global Challenge

- Learned about t Blair Atholl Jamborette
- Attended a traditional Panto
- Traditional Scottish games

Outdoor Challenge

- Beavers had two sleepovers during the year
- Beavers visited Fordell Firs, District Camp, Hilton Woods etc
- Beavers visited Torryburn Play Park
- Beavers learnt how to erect a tent and pack a rucksack

Chief Scout Bronze Awards

The highest award that a Beaver can gain is awarded if they have completed six of the Challenge badges. Most of our Beavers moving up to the Cub section throughout this year have gained their Chief Scout Award.

A few of the highlights of the past year:

Hamish Kilbane's Race track

In November Hamish re constructed the race track he had built for one of the bases at the Blair Atholl Jamborette in July 2014. He brought along four racing cars he had also made. The Beavers then had an evening of racing cars! It was just brilliant. The Beavers were so excited and noisy! An evening we will be keen to repeat in the coming year.

Dunfermline District Christmas Party

Our new ADC Beavers Hilary Watson 'Big Beaver' organised a party for all the Beavers in Dunfermline District. Great news for the Beavers and their Leaders who did not have to prepare anything just turn up! The Beavers had a variety of Christmas themed bases including craft, games and songs. There was a visit from Santa and party food. A great afternoon meeting and enjoying activities with Beavers from other groups. We would like to express our thanks to Hilary for the hours and hours of preparation she must have done.

Thanks

On behalf of all the Beaver Leaders I would like to thank anyone who has helped us in any way over the past year – we hope you enjoyed the activities as much as we did. Other Leaders (Group and District), Young Leaders, Scout helpers, Executive members, parents, members and members of the Cairneyhill community - we really could not provide such a full and interesting programme without your support – THANK YOU! We Leaders enjoy our Tuesday evening meetings and all the other events we get to attend. It is an honour and a privilege to be with such a great scout group and we look forward to activities old and new in 2015/2016.

Dorothy Peters (Snowy Owl) tel 882190



Minibus & Trailer Bookings online
(17-Seater Ford Transits) www.83rdscouts.org.uk

Marquee Bookings
(Two tents 40' by 20', one 20' by 20', one 30' by 30'
& one 40' by 30') Contact Callum Farquhar on
 07785 – 304845

Leaders Amanda Fyfe (Baloo) Cub Scout Leader
 Keith MacPhail (Kaa) Assistant Cub Scout Leader
 Eileen Robertson Cub Scout Sectional Assistant



Our Cub Pack has had a busy year- We have welcomed eight new cubs into our pack and said goodbye to five cubs who moved up to scouts. At the end of the year we have a pack of 29 cubs. We've played loads of games, both old and new, and as always we've managed to pack in lots of different activities.

Here are some of the things we've been doing over the past year:

Activities and Badge Work

We have worked on a number of badges this year:

- First Aid – learning basic of first aid, bandaging, recovery position, resuscitation and what to do in the case of an emergency
- Knots – an interesting evening tying various knots everything from rope knots to school ties
- Hobbies – the cubs were encouraged to bring along and discuss items regarding there hobbies we had skiing, stone polishing, rugby, football, golf, karate and leaders knitting
- Pioneering & Mapping – learning how to use maps and compasses, set out and following trails
- We have also had fun nights such as
- Scottish themed night where we tried haggis, tried to write poetry and play Scottish themed games
- Learning about senses through smelling, touching items in enclosed boxes including jelly, Chinese's whispers game for listening, Kim's games as well as tasting sweets
- Pancake night – making there own pancakes with candle power
- Valentines night where they made cards for there loved ones
- Xmas craft – close peg Rudolph's, jam jar candles, and xmas cards
- News night, where we shot videos, recorded and compiled stories advertising for cubs
- A car race night combined with PlayStation, and trust games

Outings and Events

The Cubs love to be outdoors and we've had evenings:

- On Gala field where we played sports that featured in the Commonwealth Games.
- Trip to Hilton Wood (local wood) for bonfire with marshmallows'
- In the summer term 2013, we walked from Crombie point to Newmills then had a BBQ.
- We squeezed in a few visits to Fordell for Archery, the Big Swing, Caving and Climbing
- Trips to the church for Founders day, Remembrance Sunday, and the Carol service
- Our annual trip to Megazone, allowed our cubs to let of some enthusiasm before Christmas.

Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who has supported the cub pack over the past year –

- The parents who help at our weekly meetings which allows us to do so many activities;
- The Scouts and Explorers who have assisted us as part of their service;
- The leaders of other sections and others who have helped at our meetings, with special thanks to Hamish Kilbane for making race track and cars;
- Our treasurer, Fiona MacPhail and the Group Executive for their continuing support
- Last, but not least, I would like to thank our Cub leaders, Amanda Fyfe and Eileen Robertson for doing such a great job and for there continued commitment and support.

As always, it has been a pleasure for us as leaders to work with the Cubs who are always full of enthusiasm at our weekly meetings and have enjoyed earning their badges and awards. We're all looking forward to more activities during the rest of 2015.

We are looking forward to next year where we are celebrating 100 years of Cubs, where we are basing out activities around a century

Keith MacPhail
Assistant Cub Scout Leader





SCOUTS

Scout Leader – David Salthouse

Scout Sectional Assistants

Jim & Alison Lowrie

Age Range (10 – 14)

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society with a strong focus on the outdoors and survival skills. The Scout Troop has tried to deliver this not only during the regular troop nights but also at weekends and other opportunities as available. The programme is based around camping, outdoor activities, outings and expeditions on a regular basis. We encourage all the Scouts to participate in these activities as much as possible but are also conscious of the many other demands that are placed on these young people through academic and other personal pursuits. We try to provide an exciting and creative programme of events throughout the year and some are detailed below.

Challenge and Activity Awards – The Scout training programme is based on 9 Challenge Awards, of which a minimum of 8 are required to obtain the Chief Scout's Gold Award. In addition there are a number of Activity Badges which allow Scouts to recognise their individual interest's outside of Scouting. During the year we have provided specific opportunities for the Troop to collectively work towards their Fitness, Global, Creative and Community Challenges. We also encourage Scouts to work on their own initiative to supplement the training provided on troop nights to gain additional levels of the Activity or 'Stage' Badges. Most of the troop members were able to gain at least their 1st Stage Swimmers Award during this year with some achieving 2nd and 3rd stages. This year all Scouts who moved up to Explorers were able to complete their Chief Scout's Gold Award.

Outings – Trips to external locations are also important to provide Scouts with an insight into our local and sometimes not so local community. Trips this year included Alloa Indoor Bowls, Edinburgh Ice Rink and Dunfermline Swimming Pool. We also attended Church Parades this year for Remembrance Sunday and Founders Day.

Expeditions and Camps – No year would be complete without camps and hikes and this year was no exception. We enjoyed weekend camps at St Cyrus, Fordell Firs, and 9 Acres as well as summer camp at Great Tower National Scout Centre at Windermere in the Lake District. This was a great success with nearly half the troop taking part and we enjoyed a mix of activities including archery, caving, climbing, hiking, kayaking and rifle shooting. In addition we also managed to enjoy some of the local attractions including trips to safari park and museums as well as a cruise on Lake Windermere. Thanks to Keith MacPhail and Eleanor Salthouse who provided support for the week and the Explorers for Caving.

District Events – The troop took part in all the District Scout events this year with an excellent Patrol effort to win the Gibb Bugle camping competition. As winners of the District event they were invited to attend the Zonal competition at Linlithgow which they also won and were then entered to compete at the National Competition Finals at Fordell Firs. The competition was judged to a much higher level, but despite this being their first year competing at this level the patrol finished a very creditable 5th across the whole of Scotland. Well done to the Patrol of Ross La Trobe, Scott Lowrie, Fiona Lowrie, Matthew Leitch, Jamie Craig, Callum Kelly and Caleece Albans. No pressure at all next year!

A patrol from the troop also narrowly finished in 2nd place in the Willie Robertson competition and 3rd in the Scout and Guide Quiz. We also came 2nd at the District Sports Day. Well done to all those who took part in some or all of these activities and hopefully we will continue to compete at this high level in 2015/16!

Community and International – We have organised community specific activities aimed at giving the Scouts an understanding and appreciation of their local community. This included litter picking in the village and on the beach between Crombie and Torryburn. The older scouts have continued to support the Cub and Beaver sections as part of their community challenge and progression towards their Saltire Award. The international dimension was provided by learning about Fairtrade and The Scout Association's support for Shelterbox as well as members joining the Explorers skiing in Sweden at Easter.

As a result of winning the Gibb Bugle Competition, a patrol from the troop was asked to take part in Dunfermline's Remembrance Service of the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War 1. The patrol formed part of the Guard of Honour with other uniformed groups at Dunfermline Abbey for those attending the service who included the Lord Lieutenant of Fife, The Provost and several local MPs and MSPs including former Prime Minister, Gordon Brown.

With the older Scouts moving up at the end of summer we have had quite a young average age to the troop but this hasn't stopped us carrying on with a full year of activities and some of the younger ones have had a chance to step up to leadership roles within the patrol structure. They have developed good personal leadership qualities despite their age and this should stand the troop in good stead over the next couple of years as they develop these skills further.

My thanks:

Jim and Alison have been a great help as Section Assistants and sharing the role so that there is normally either and sometimes both of them available. Big thanks to them both for offering their time on a regular basis.

The Troop wouldn't be able to exist without the weekly support of parents and some of the older members of the movement. Parents have been a source of support, not only in encouraging their children to attend but also in practical support via the weekly parental rota. This is a very important part they play, not only in being there to help each week but also so that they can see what the Scouts are up to thereby supporting their children throughout the year.

Lastly, it would be remiss not to recognise the support that both the Executive and other uniformed leaders within the Group have provided this year. Often unsung and largely hidden from view this support is integral to the success both of the Troop and the Group overall. There are opportunities for parents to assist in this role by becoming the section rep on the Executive Council or volunteering for some of the activities required over the year to help support the funding and day to day running of the hall. If any parents feel they may be able to undertake any additional support with the Troop please let me know and I would be happy to discuss the various ways in which this support can be provided.

Thanks to you all.

David Salthouse,
Scout Leader





EXPLORERS

We've had another busy year trying to contribute positively to the personal development of all our members. We'll continue to offer a variety of Employability Skills through our programme of fundraising – Timekeeping; Communication Skills; Teamworking; and pride in work. We'll be able to provide character references for further/higher education, full or part-time jobs or for voluntary placements eg Camp America. As always we are needing jobs that can be carried out for payment – please keep eyes open and let me know of any suitable opportunities. Marquee hires; BBQ's; Leaflet or magazine distribution, stewarding at events and garden-clearing/tree-felling can all be arranged. (Basically unskilled labour!)

All of our members work towards Curriculum for Excellence and everything that they learn within or outwith school contributes. So what have we been doing in the past year to help?

successful learners

- we have achieved a number of Scouting activity badges and progress awards
- the learning undertaken during last October's expedition to USA completed many of the Outcomes and Experiences of Curriculum for Excellence
- many of our members have completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award

responsible citizens

- have undertaken at least 13 hours of volunteering, either with the younger sections in Scouting, around the Scout Hall, or with a variety of other organisations locally
- those working as young leaders have been particularly valued by our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and have helped on a weekly basis as well as during camps
- have been excellent ambassadors for Scouting and Scotland when travelling abroad and when undertaking tasks such as the baggage at the Marathons
- have gained a number of Saltire Awards for their volunteering

confident individuals

- participated in a wide variety of adventurous activities during the Unit's expeditions – skiing and snowboarding in Sweden; hiking in the Western USA; and regular hovercrafting, hillwalking, caving and mountain biking trips
- 9 were selected from the Unit to participate in last summer's Scottish International Patrol Jamborette at Blair Atholl and 3 will represent East Scotland Region at the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan later this summer, part of a UK Contingent of over 4,000. Well done and congratulations on this achievement
- participated in up to 50 nights away, residential experiences during the year

effective contributors

- fundraised over £36,000 through hard physical labour
- planned termly programmes and Unit expeditions
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- been selected as Patrol Leaders for last summer's Jamborette at Blair Atholl and the World Jamboree in Japan this summer

Highlights:

The photos on the Group Website demonstrate the variety of activities and the great fun that has been had during the past year with the highlight for many being our Unit Expedition to Western USA in October. From visiting their newest aircraft carrier to climbing 8,000' up Crater Lake; from hiking through the giant redwoods to scaling the Cinder Cone in Lassen National Park; from visiting the Jelly Belly Factory to sea-kayaking in Monterey Bay; every day brought fresh adventures. Our regular ski trips to Sweden have being greatly enjoyed and this year's snow and weather conditions were again outstanding. Well done to all those that learnt to ski with us this year. Closer to home our backwoods weekends in the woods at St Cyrus sleeping in hammocks and chopping trees down to build our own home from home provided a different "camping" experience.

Looking ahead:

Plans are well in hand for our October holidays Eurotour with the Explorers deciding what they'd like to do; where they'd like to go; and how long they'd like to be away for! There will be some rollercoasters; some biking; some city sightseeing; some interesting visits; and some sports. France, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany and Luxemburg are to be visited and over 20 Explorers will enjoy new sights, sounds and tastes on the journey. Then we'll be into the winter term and hoping for lots of snow so that our skiing and snowboarding activities can start again.

Part of our aim of supporting the youngsters in their personal development is to enable them to earn all that they need for Scouting activities through our own Intermediate Labour Market, thereby recognizing that if you want something in life, you need to work for it and that hard work brings its rewards through the activities that are possible. This work ethic also enables us to provide accurate references to employers and colleges/universities and that coupled with any SQA's in Leadership, Volunteering or Personal Development that they have obtained, helps them to achieve their full potential.

As always I'll finish off with my thanks. Your youngsters wouldn't get all the opportunities that they do if it wasn't for the help and support that the Group Executive (Parents') Committee provide by running and maintaining the hall, looking after the booking and insurance of the minibuses, purchasing the equipment etc. It really would help to have additional pairs of hands to help with all these tasks! Please offer what help you can.

Thanks as always to all the Leaders, Instructors and Parents that have volunteered their time and come along and participated in a variety of camps, activities and fundraising.

As always, it has been a pleasure to work with such a great bunch of enthusiastic and well-mannered Explorers. Although I'm sure their parents don't recognize that description!

**Callum Farquhar,
Explorer Scout Leader**

EXPLORERS



network

Network is for those aged 18 to 25 and Cairneyhill has a large Network Section. Members move up from Explorers prior to their 18th Birthday and it enables them to retain a connection to Scouting even when scattered throughout the UK at colleges and universities. Despite the Section being based at Group level, responsibility for programming lies with Dunfermline District.

Within the Group we have opened the Explorer programme to them and have been delighted that a large number have joined us skiing in Sweden in the past year and were on the staff at last summer's Patrol Jamborette at Blair Atholl.

For those still at University the long summer holidays give the opportunity to continue their exploration of the wider world and some have signed up for Camp America whilst others are looking for temporary employment to replenish their coffers.

Network members can benefit from Scottish Government Cashback monies to gain Adventurous Activity Certification and to pass Minibus or Trailer Driving Tests. A number of our Network Members have benefitted from such courses in the past year.

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Check out the Group website for current Section programmes; downloads of letters and forms; photos of recent activities; and of course the ability to book the Scout Hall, our minibuses or trailer. Feedback is always welcomed in order to improve the service.

**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
Year ended 31 March 2015**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2015 which are set out on pages 18 to 24.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent 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) (a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required by section 44 (1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

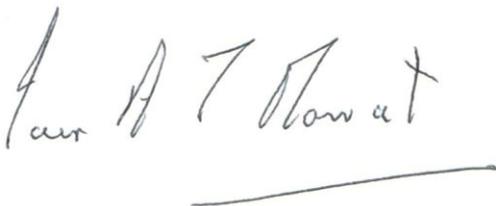
Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from trustees concerning 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, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 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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**83rd Fife (Cairneyhill) Scout Group
Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 March 2015**

	2015	2015	2015	2014
	Restricted Unrestricted			
Notes	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources				
Incoming resources from generating funds:				
Voluntary Income	2	8,283	9,878	18,161
Activities for generating funds	3	0	67,165	67,165
Investment Income	4	0	0	0
Incoming resources from charitable activities	5	0	15,992	15,992
Other incoming resources	6	0	2,453	2,453
Total Incoming Resources		<u>8,283</u>	<u>95,488</u>	<u>103,771</u>
Resources Expended				
Cost of generating funds:				
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold	7	0	-14,770	-14,770
Charitable activities	8	-41,399	-73,145	-114,544
Governance costs	9	0	-1,000	-1,000
Total Resources Expended		<u>-41,399</u>	<u>-88,915</u>	<u>-130,314</u>
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources before transfers		-33,116	6,573	-26,543
Transfer between funds		<u>1,750</u>	<u>-1,750</u>	<u>0</u>
Net movement in funds		- 31,366	4,823	-26,543
Total funds brought forward		31,366	261,476	292,842
Total funds carried forward		<u>0</u>	<u>266,299</u>	<u>266,299</u>

The notes on pages 20 to 24 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**83rd Fife (Cairneyhill) Scout Group
Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2015**

	Notes	£	2015 £	2014 £
Fixed Assets	11		232,668	<u>244,640</u>
Current Assets				
Debtors	12	13,294		21,647
Cash at Bank and in hand		<u>36,835</u>		<u>43,486</u>
		50,129		65,133
Creditors: Amounts Falling due Within One Year	13	<u>-16,498</u>		<u>-16,931</u>
Net Current Assets			33,631	48,202
Net Assets			<u>266,299</u>	<u>292,842</u>
Total Funds	14		<u>266,299</u>	<u>292,842</u>

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on the 5 June 2015 and signed on their behalf by



Chairman of the Group Executive Committee

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**83rd Fife (Cairneyhill) Scout Group
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended 31 March 2015**

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

Donations

Donations and similar incoming resources are included in the year in which they are receivable.

Other Incoming Resources

Voluntary income includes donations receivable in the year. Income from trading activities and charitable income are included when earned.

Investment Income

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the group. If part of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated in a separate unrestricted fund. Each year an amount is transferred from the designated funds to the unrestricted fund which represents the depreciation charge of tangible fixed assets which have been acquired as a result of specific funding or donations.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes, but still within the wider objects of the group.

Resources Expended

All expenditure is included within the financial statements on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay. The group is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT. Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in these cost categories. Certain other costs which are attributable to more than one activity, hall costs and minibus costs, are apportioned across cost categories on the basis of an estimate of 25% of total costs incurred to fundraising activities and 75% of total costs incurred to charitable activities on those activities.

**83rd Fife (Cairneyhill) Scout Group
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended 31 March 2015**

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Fixed Assets

Heritable Property and Motor Vehicles are recorded at cost

Equipment has been recorded at a value based on a percentage of estimated replacement cost due to the absence of original cost details. Items older than five years old are written down by 50% and items under five years old have been written down by 10% with the resultant total treated as the cost equivalent in accordance with SORP 2005.

New equipment under £2,000 is written off in the year of acquisition.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful life of that asset as follows:

Heritable Property	- 2% straight line per annum
Equipment	-20% reducing balance per annum
Motor Vehicles	- 25% reducing balance per annum

2. Voluntary Income

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Total
	2015	2015	2015	2014
	£	£	£	£
Donations	0	0	0	1,201
British Council	6,523	0	6,523	22,066
Fife Council	1,100	0	1,100	300
Big Lottery Fund	0	0	0	1,950
Awards for all	0	0	0	6,500
Fife Charities Trust	660	0	660	480
GB Sasakawa Foundation	0	0	0	2,500
Daiwa Foundation	0	0	0	3,500
Gift Aid	0	3,315	3,315	3,945
Subscriptions (net of capitation fees)	0	6,563	6,563	6,370
	8,283	9,878	18,161	48,812

3. Incoming Resources from Activities for Generating Funds

Hire of Minibus	11,756	11,756	11,335
Hire of Hall	16,442	16,442	16,016
Fundraising Activities	38,967	38,967	38,975
	67,165	67,165	66,326

**83rd Fife (Cairneyhill) Scout Group
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended 31 March 2015**

4. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Total
	2015	2015	2014
	£	£	£
Interest		0	0
			11

5. Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities

Programme activities, events & courses	15,992	15,992	11,112
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6. Other Incoming Resources

Miscellaneous	2,453	2,453	2,313
	2,453	2,453	2,313

7. Fundraising Trading: Cost of Goods sold and other costs

Fundraising activities	4,222	4,222	3,323
Hall costs	4,067	4,067	4,069
Minibus costs	2,809	2,809	3,133
Depreciation	3,672	3,672	4,087
	14,770	14,770	14,612

**83rd Fife (Cairneyhill) Scout Group
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2015**

8. Costs of Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Unrestricted Funds			Total 2015 £	Total 2014 £
	Restricted Funds £	Activities undertaken £	Support costs £		
	Hall costs	2,550	12,200		
Minibus costs	0	8,428	0	8,428	9,400
Programme activities, events & courses	38,849	37,269	0	76,118	53,687
Donations	0	212	0	212	1,388
Administration	0	0	1,089	1,089	3,040
Miscellaneous	0	0	5,646	5,646	8,239
Depreciation	0	8,300	0	8,300	9,872
	<u>41,399</u>	<u>66,409</u>	<u>6,735</u>	<u>114,543</u>	<u>97,831</u>

9. Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2015 £	Total 2014 £
Independent Examiners Fee	1,000	1,000	1,000

10. Staff Costs and Emoluments

No salaries or wages have been paid to employees, including the members of the committee during the year. No trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the year (2014-Nil)
No trustees or other person related to the group had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the group during the year (2014-Nil)

11. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Heritable Property £	Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
	Cost			
At 1 April 2014	242,528	70,850	50,902	364,280
At 31 March 2015	<u>242,528</u>	<u>70,850</u>	<u>50,902</u>	<u>364,280</u>
Aggregate Depreciation				
At 1 April 2014	31,000	47,712	40,928	119,640
Charge for the year	4,850	4,628	2,494	11,972
At 31 March 2014	<u>35,850</u>	<u>52,340</u>	<u>43,422</u>	<u>131,612</u>
Net Book Values				
At 31 March 2015	<u>206,678</u>	<u>18,510</u>	<u>7,480</u>	<u>232,668</u>
At 31 March 2014	<u>211,528</u>	<u>23,138</u>	<u>9,974</u>	<u>244,640</u>

**83rd Fife (Cairneyhill) Scout Group
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended 31 March 2015**

12. Debtors

	2015	2014
	£	£
Other debtors	6,812	4,690
Prepayments and accrued income	6,482	16,957
	13,294	21,647

13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

Accruals and deferred income	16,498	16,931
	16,498	16,931

14. Funds

	As at 01-Apr-14 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	As at 31-Mar-15 £
Designated Funds					
Stewart Trust Hall	182,590	0	0	- 4,850	177,740
Motor Vehicle 2	2,419	0	0	- 922	1,497
Motor Vehicle 3	4,124	0	0	- 1,572	2,552
New Minibus Fund	21,000	0	0	0	21,000
	210,133	0	0	- 7,344	202,789
Unrestricted General Fund	51,343	95,488	88,915	5,594	63,510
Restricted Funds					
Activities Fund	31,366	8,283	41,399	1,750	0
	292,842	103,771	130,314	0	266,299

The Designated Funds represent the equivalent net book value cost of tangible assets which have been acquired as a result of specific funding or donations.

Each year an amount is transferred from the funds at the same rate as the depreciation charge on the assets to which they relate.

The New Minibus Fund represents funds set aside for the purchase of a new minibus.

The Activities Fund represents grants received less expenditure on activities carried out.

15. Restricted Funds

During the year £8,283 of restricted grants were received. £6,523 from The British Council, £1,100 from Fife Council and £660 from Fife Charities Trust.

16. Analysis of Assets and Liabilities by Fund

	General Fund £	Designated Funds	Restricted Fund £	Total £
Tangible Fixed Assets	50,879	181,789	0	232,668
Other Net Assets/(Liabilities)	14,381	21,000	0	33,631
	65,260	202,789	0	266,299

The following pages do not form part of the statutory financial statements

**83rd Fife (Cairneyhill) Scout Group
Group Income Account
Year ended 31 March 2015**

	2015	2014
	£	£
Voluntary Income		
Members subscriptions	6,812	6,481
Donations & grants		
Donations	0	85
Big Lottery	0	1,950
Fife Council	800	0
	800	2,035
Gift Aid	3,315	3,945
Total Voluntary Income	10,927	12,461
Activities for Generating Funds		
Hall Hire	16,442	16,016
Minibus hire	11,756	13,031
	28,198	29,047
Fundraising activities		
Miscellaneous	2,353	1625
	2,353	1,625
Total Activities for generating funds	30,551	30,672
Investment Income		
Interest	0	11
Other Incoming Resources		
Miscellaneous	105	133
Insurance Claim	0	1901
	105	2,034
Total Income	41,583	45,178

**83rd Fife (Cairneyhill) Scout Group
Group Expenditure Account
Year ended 31 March 2015**

	2015	2014
	£	£
Fundraising Trading		
Fundraising Activities		
General	470	297
	<u>470</u>	<u>297</u>
Depreciation	3,672	4,087
	<u>4,142</u>	<u>4,384</u>
Cost of Charitable Activities		
Hall costs		
Gas and electricity	3,884	3,186
Water	1,098	1,504
Telephone	380	382
Cleaning	5,523	5,348
Repairs and maintenance	4,158	2,135
Rent and insurance	3,773	3,720
	<u>18,816</u>	<u>16,275</u>
Minibus costs		
Fuel	5,323	5,733
Tax and insurance	1,797	1,870
Repairs	2,607	4,254
	<u>9,727</u>	<u>11,857</u>
Scout Association Membership Fees	3,125	3,125
Miscellaneous	4,622	7,622
Depreciation	8,300	9,872
	<u>16,047</u>	<u>20,619</u>
Total cost of charitable activities	<u>44,590</u>	<u>48,751</u>
Governance Costs		
Independent Examiners Fee	1,000	1,000
Total Expenditure	<u><u>49,732</u></u>	<u><u>54,135</u></u>

**83rd Fife (Cairneyhill) Scout Group
Beaver Colony Income and Expenditure
Year ended 31 March 2015**

	2015	2014
	£	£
Voluntary Income		
Members Subscriptions	2,319	2,492
Activities for Generating Funds		
Fundraising activities		
Carol service	99	0
Gala	0	15
General	0	131
	99	146
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities		
Programme Activities, Events and Courses		
Camp activities	250	580
	250	580
Total Income	2,668	3,218
Fundraising Trading		
Fundraising Activities		
Carol service	99	0
Cost of Charitable activities, events & courses		
Programme activities, events & Courses		
Camp expenses	231	601
Activities & materials	255	300
Outings	53	45
Gala	40	46
	579	992
Donations		
Donations & Gifts	85	181
	85	181
Capitation	1,455	1692
Miscellaneous		
Uniforms & badges	384	243
	384	243
Total cost of charitable activities	2,503	3108
Total Expenditure	2,602	3,108

**83rd Fife (Cairneyhill) Scout Group
Cub Pack Income and Expenditure
Year ended 31 March 2015**

	2015	2014
	£	£
Voluntary Income		
Members subscriptions	2,509	1,938
Activities for Generating Funds		
Fundraising activities	86	37
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities		
Programme Activities, Events and Courses		
Camps	0	400
Outings	371	193
	371	593
Total Income	2,966	2,568
Cost of Charitable Activities		
Programme activities, events & courses		
Activities & materials	268	221
Camps	0	415
Outings	585	301
	853	937
Donations		
Gifts & Donations	102	71
Capitation	1620	1386
Miscellaneous		
Uniforms & badges	115	218
Total Expenditure	2690	2611

**83rd Fife (Cairneyhill) Scout Group
Scout Troop Income and Expenditure
Year ended 31 March 2015**

	2015	2014
	£	£
Voluntary Income		
Members subscriptions	2,260	2,165
	2,260	2,165
Activities for Generating Funds		
Fundraising activities	50	0
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities		
Programme Activities, Events & Courses		
Camp activities	1,430	575
Activities	262	133
	1,692	708
Other Incoming Resources		
Miscellaneous		
Resources & uniform	9	12
Misc	150	56
Donation	250	0
	409	68
Total Income	4,411	2,991
Costs of Charitable Activities		
Minibus costs	59	81
Programme activities, events & courses		
Camp expenses	1,364	852
Outgoings	515	358
	1,879	1,210
Donations		
Donations	25	0
Capitation	1,902	1,134
Miscellaneous		
Uniforms & badges	100	116
Misc	6	39
	106	155
Total costs of charitable activities	3,971	2,498
Total Expenditure	3,971	2,498

**83rd Fife (Cairneyhill) Scout Group
Explorer Scout Income Account
Year ended 31 March 2015**

	2015	2014
	£	£
Voluntary Income		
Members subscriptions	2,400	2,600
Donations & grants		
Grants	7,483	35,346
Donations	0	1,116
	7,483	36,462
 Total Voluntary Income	 9,883	 39,062
 Activities for Generating Funds		
Fundraising activities	36,379	37,167
 Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities		
Programme Activities, Events & Courses		
Sweden	9,249	4,521
Activities	1,001	731
Eurotour	0	568
Camps	2,051	1,019
Japan	0	2,277
Shirts	70	116
USA	1,308	0
	13,679	9,231
 Other Incoming Resources		
Miscellaneous		
Misc	1,939	211
	1939	211
 Total Incoming Resources	 61,880	 85,670

**83rd Fife (Cairneyhill) Scout Group
Explorer Scout Expenditure Account
Year ended 31 March 2015**

	2015	2014
	£	£
Fundraising Trading		
Fundraising Activities		
Fundraising	3,653	3,026
Cost of Charitable Activities		
Minibus costs	1,451	2,291
Programme activities, events & courses		
Camps	19,829	4,853
Programme	3,458	2,853
Sundry equipment purchases	2,746	990
Shirts	336	502
Eurotour	0	7,066
Japan	0	29,786
Sweden	15,083	4,498
USA	27,405	0
World Jamboree	3,950	0
	72,807	50,548
Donations		
Tsunami Appeal	0	1,136
Capitation	1,635	1,969
Administration		
Administration	1,089	3040
Miscellaneous		
Misc	419	0
	3,142	5,009
Total costs of charitable activities	77,400	58,984
Total Expenditure	81,053	62,011

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