

87th Craigmmond (Granton Seaway) Edinburgh Scout Group

Annual Report & Financial Statements

For the

Year ended 31st March 2020

Scottish Charity No SC030643

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Trustees Annual Report
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The Group Executive Committee has pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31st March 2020.

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Trustees Annual Report

Name & Address

The Group Name is the 87th Craigmmond (Granton Seaway) Edinburgh Scout Group and it may be contacted at 81 Boswall Parkway, Edinburgh EH5 2PW or email info@grantonscouts.org.uk

Constitution

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association, with Scottish variations.

The Scout Group is recognised as a charity by The Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) which gave the Association's Scottish Charity Number as SCO30643.

Structure, governance and management

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association, with Scottish variations.

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The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the ‘Charity Trustees’ of the Scout Group, which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) as appropriate.

All Committee members are familiar with the work of the charity. If there are any areas where additional training is required, this will be discussed at a Committee meeting and a solution identified.

The day-to-day management is delegated by the Committee to the Group Scout Leader and Group Chair.

Objectives and organisational structure

The objective of The Scout Association is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Scouting in the United Kingdom is organised in Scout Groups, Scout Districts, Scout Regions (Scout Counties in England and Wales) and Country Headquarters. These ‘units’ of Scouting provide, support; channels for communication; opportunities for youth Members and adults to make decisions and take responsibility and functional units through which the design and delivery of the youth programme can be best achieved. A Scout Group comprises one or more of any or all of the following: a Beaver Scout Colony; a Cub Scout Pack or a Scout Troop. Additionally, a Group may also include one or more Group Scout Active Support Units. An Explorer Scout Unit may also be attached to a Scout Group.

Trustees	Position
Andrew Dean	Chairman
Alan Williamson	Treasurer
Charles Macintosh	Group Scout Leader
Natalie Wilson	Beaver Parent rep (elected)
Mhairi Jarvis	Cub Parent rep (elected)
Anne Macintosh	Beaver Leader
Scott Macintosh	Quartermaster and Assistant Beaver Leader
Leisha Williamson	Cub Leader
Paul Gunderson	Scout Leader
Stuart Young	Explorer Leader
Norman Smith	Group Chaplain

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

Activities & Achievements

During the year the Group has continued to deliver a Scout Program for the benefit of the young people (see below):

ANNUAL REPORT

Group Scout Leader – Chas Macintosh – 06 September 2020

We're pleased to report that 2019-2020 was a brilliant year for Granton Scouts – but the end was a wee bit different!

We had 11 and a half months of brilliant Scouting – as always – and then.....

Scouting Under Lockdown

16th March 2020 – 8.00am: young people across Granton headed off to school, knowing that they had adventures to look forward to this week as Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. Scouts were excited to be heading with the rest of the Troop to Bonaly Outdoor centre for an evening on the High Ropes. 70 other young people were equally excited and looking forward to this week's Scouting activities – Cubs were planning their Artists Badge, Explorers were having an archery night and the Beavers would be having a fun-filled hour learning all about fruit and veg.

Looking back on the leader Whatsapp chats for that day, there were rumblings and rumours of schools closing because of the virus – what would that mean for Scouts?

Then at 5pm – just an hour before the 23 Cubs were due to gather at the Scout Hut, The Prime Minister announced that there should be no non-essential social gatherings.

The leaders quickly decided that the activities had to be cancelled – got in touch with all parents and went to the Scout Hut in case anyone hadn't heard the news.

“Face to face Scouting was finished – and no-one knew when it would start again.”

This was the picture up and down the country – an instant stop on Scouting as we know it for the organisation's 450,000 young members.

Springtime usually sees us getting the 'out' in Scouting as more and more young people head for the great outdoors. But this year things were different. #thegreatindoors started trending on Scouting social media, and very quickly ideas were flowing to keep Scouting going during lockdown.

So since then Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers across the country – and the world – have been Scouting differently. Scouts held weekly meetings by Zoom – including quizzes, Escape Rooms and even a Murder Mystery evening set in a Guide camp! Beavers and Cubs have been rising to their weekly challenges, and Explorers have been meeting online.

Highlights of the lockdown were April's Great South East Scotland Sleepout – #SESSleepOut, and May's Virtual Really Big Camp – #vrbc2020 – where a huge number of our young people either camped out in tents in their gardens or built dens in their houses for a couple of nights lockdown sleep. Over the first weekend in

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May, 850 Scouts from the area were due to be having a “Really Big Camp” at Fordell Firs in Fife. Instead there was a ‘virtual’ camp with a couple of challenges.

When will we return to Face to Face Scouting?

This is the big question! There are 4 phases – or ‘readiness levels’ that we are working under. This is similar to most youth work in Scotland. For many weeks we were in the Red phase which meant there could be no face to face Scouting – only digital. We are now in the Amber phase which means that we can meet in groups of up to 15 including leaders, outdoors, as long as we have a Risk Assessment approved by the Scouts HQ. All sections are now busy creating their Risk Assessments and planning for getting together in small groups outside and we hope to start these very soon. When we move to the Yellow phase we’ll be able to have small groups meeting indoors as well as outdoors, then once we reach the Green phase things will be back to some sort of normality.

The Leader Team

We have a dedicated leadership team who provide great opportunities for our young people to enjoy new adventures; to experience the outdoors; interact with others, gain confidence and have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

The team continues to do training to help them do the job effectively. Katy gained her permit that’s needed to run residential events such as camps and pack holidays – she was to take the lead in this year’s Scout Summer Camp – hopefully next year.

We were delighted to welcome 5 new leaders to the Group over the year – Nicola and Fraser as new Beaver Scout Leaders, Emma as Section Assistant in the Scouts, and Caroline and Lukas as new Explorer Scout Leaders. They are all now going through the induction and training needed to become fully up to speed in their new roles.

The team at the moment are: Anne, Scott, Nicola and Fraser leading the Beaver Section, helped by Katie and Chloe as Young Leaders, Leisha and Dylan leading the Cub Section assisted by Euan and Kyle as Section Assistants and Erin and John as Young Leaders. Collette is still in Ireland studying outdoor activities and we hope to have her back on the team soon. Paul, Carrie, Katy, Derek and Roy lead the Scouts, with Grant and Emma as Section Assistants. And finally, Stuart, David (Smithy), Luana, Caroline and Lukas leading Explorers.

Active Support Unit and Group Executive Committee

We have been planning for a while on starting an Active Support Unit (ASU) to support the Group and leaders in practical ways. I’m pleased to say that David has now taken on the role of ASU Manager and he’ll be building the team over the coming months. (David also continues as Assistant Scout Leader as well). If you can offer any skills (even holding a paintbrush or washing second hand uniforms) please get in touch with myself or David (chas@grantonscouts.org.uk or david@grantonscouts.org.uk)

If administration and committee work is more your bag then we are looking for parents and supporters to join the Group Executive Committee – the management committee of the Group. It would be good to have some additional parents to represent Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. Interested? Email andy@grantonscouts.org.uk.

Busy Programme

I'm sure that you'll agree when you read the Section reports that every section has had an adventurous, varied and fun programme over the year.

Finally, on behalf of all the leaders we'd like to express our grateful thanks to all the adult team 'behind the scenes' – Andy the Group Chairman, Alan the Treasurer, Natalie who looks after hall bookings, and other parents and committee members.

BEAVERS – Anne Macintosh – 06 September 2020

We have 21 enthusiastic Beaver Scouts at the moment. A few members transferred to Cubs in January and quite a few more are waiting to be 'pulled up' to Cubs when sections restart, hopefully in a few weeks time. This has been a challenging year for everyone and the celebrations at the end of our academic year have not happened as we envisaged.

Beaver Scouts always get to choose the programme themes at the start of each term. We have enjoyed face to face programmes from August till February which included musical instruments, cartoons and various food related themes. In February, we rehearsed and performed (and videoed) the "Enormous Turnip" which was great fun and parents came to watch the video the next week. In November, we started a series of nights about explorers through the ages from Marco Polo to Captain Scott and also found out that there are still places left to discover like outer space and the deepest oceans. We have all made or renewed our Beaver Scout Promise which was on the same night we made our own pancakes. Our last evening all together was a fish theme and we got to make a fishing line and then tuna sandwiches.

From the 17th March we were in lockdown and we tried to keep to the programme as much as possible and used Facebook, E-mail, our website and zoom to keep in touch. Chas (thank you) put all the activities on our website so there is still a chance to use the ideas. Our 'Really Big Camp' was cancelled in May but many Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders camped out either in their garden, under a table or on the sofa. We had a Teddy Bears Picnic zoom meeting and also one where we introduced our pets the other Beaver Scouts.

Magic Gareth entertained us using zoom with various tricks and jokes. The Beaver Scouts loved it – and the Leaders were a bit bemused as to how he did some of the tricks. He knew the Beaver Scouts names (from Zoom login) and it was a very interactive show.

We have been very lucky this session to have Chloe and Katie who are Explorers join us as Young Leaders. Also, Nicola and Fraser have started training to become Beaver Scout Leaders bringing lots of talents with them. They are all indispensable to our section.

We also rely on all of the other Group leaders and adult helpers for occasional support. And finally – a big thank you to all parents for their continued encouragement that they give to the Beavers and Leaders – especially during lockdown where many have been actively involved.

Anne, Scott, Nicola, Fraser, Chloe and Katie - 87th Beaver Leaders

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CUBS – Leisha Williamson – 06 September 2020

We currently have 21 Cubs, some who are ready to move on to Scouts once all sections have returned. We are ready to welcome some Beavers at this time which will take us back to having a full pack.

Last year started off well with 6 of our Cubs taking part in a District event to celebrate Longcraigs 50th Birthday. This included them taking part in Canoeing, Speed boating, Sailing and Power Boating.

Molly achieved her Silver award before moving on to Scouts.

Cubs were involved in the planning of their programme and which badges they would like to work towards. We had a busy few months which included Team building games, Learning home skills, Road Safety, Den Building, Climbing wall and curling.

Our annual Halloween party was great fun, lots of mess and a great effort made with all the fancy dress. Christmas time we had Magic Gareth along to the Scout Hut to entertain us all with his magic and nonsense!

Unfortunately as you all know in March we were forced to stop all face to face meetings, was great to see some Cubs involved in the events via the fb page such as the virtual sleep outs and neckerchief hunt. We haven't had any zoom meetings but a few Cubs have still been busy working towards badges at home. Which we will look to complete when we return.

We have a great leadership team of Dylan, Kyle and Euan. We are also lucky to have John, one of the explorers as a young leader. All of them bring great energy and ideas to the pack.

Finally a big Thank you to all the other section leaders who have helped us out when needed and to all the parents for your continued support.

Leisha

Cub Leader

SCOUTS – Paul Gunderson – 06 September 2020

We've had another very successful year with the troop since the AGM in 2018. Our troop has almost doubled in size from 15 members at last AGM to a staggering 29 currently enrolled with us!

We spoke last year about the hard work that had been done by David on social media in an attempt to publicise the great work we do and to get new members – and this has obviously worked wonders.

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Scouts are currently sitting healthy with 23 members – some of which are due to move up to Explorers but will be backfilled by a new wave of Cubs! We're just waiting for the right time to make the transition with the current challenges of minimal face-to-face meetings.

The leadership team is still strong with: Paul; Carrie; David; Derek; Emma; Grant; Katy & Roy. Unfortunately not all leaders can commit to every week due to work commitments and other things – but we use the nights with the better leader numbers to run the bigger activities.

Our programme over the past year has seen us doing some badge work, firelighting, boating & water safety, a Santa Walk up Corstorphine Hill, and trampolining at Ryze. Since early 2020 we've been running a number of virtual troop nights on Zoom including the infamous quizzes, murder mystery and escape rooms!

We unfortunately had to cancel summer camp this year but all going well we'll have our normal trip to Sandy Island next year and will also have The Really Big Camp to look forward to as well.

Congratulations to Katy who successfully got her Nights Away permit this year meaning she'll be able to helm next year's summer camp!

EXPLORERS – Stuart Young – 06 September 2020

Explorers normally meet at Granton Parish Church on a Monday evening 7:30 – 9:15pm..

Explorers had around 13 members (including 1 Italian exchange student) plus 4 leaders just before lock down in March this year.

Hopefully our numbers will be boosted shortly with some Scouts due to come up to Explorers.

Our leadership team consists of Stuart Young, David Smith, Luana Carrechio and Caroline Burden.

We are currently planning a return to outdoor Face to Face meetings. It is hoped we will also be permitted to hold indoor meetings shortly.

Some of our activities over the last year have been :

Euro-Hockey, Climbing Arthur Seat, Burns Night, Crate Building, Pancake making, Ten-pin bowling, 3 course meal for 3 pounds,

Power Boating, Knots Challenge, Swimming, Film Night, Halloween Hike, Outdoor cooking on open fire, Italian themed night,

Kebab Shop Challenge, First Aid, Ready Steady Cook, Archery & Rifle Shooting.

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We had a very successful weekend camp at the Scout Outdoor centre in Lochgoilhead in January this year. Unfortunately there was no summer camp due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Hopefully there will be a return to overnight camps in the near future.

THE GROUP EXECUTIVE – Andrew Dean – 03 June 2019

At the end of my 2019-20 report I said ‘all the best for 2020’ unaware of the new word COVID -19 .

As a result of this the group has been on shut down from March , but that’s not to say we have been in hibernation, no there has been zoom meetings and communication with all the young people in our sections zoom actives such as quiz night , murder mysteries so again well done to all for organizing and attending.

Also all the hard work from our volunteer leader’s team from June 19 through the summer and winter of 2019 , until now.

The group has lost our major income stream from our hall rentals , but hopefully phase 4 of the Scottish Government route map might come into place soon , but we will not be rushing into any fast track returns.

We managed to gain a major financial boost with a UK government COVid-19 business grant , because of our property ownership of our Scout Hall which with careful attention should assist us through the next year or so .

We also managed to supply some 20 food boxes for family’s who required some extra assistance and if required we will look at the again come the winter months.

We are looking to repair , maintain and improve our hall so any volunteers would be gratefully appreciated.

All best and keep safe and strong.

Andrew Dean
Group Chair

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

Communication with parents is mainly by way of digital channels, including a private Facebook group for parents, Group website at www.grantonscouts.org.uk and via our online membership management system **Online Scout Manager**.

We also ask parents to let us know when any contact or personal information changes. This can be done by a note to Beaver and Cub Leaders, or online at the Online Scout Manager Parents Portal.

Independent Examiner Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 87th Craigmmond (Edinburgh) Scout Group

I report on the financial statements of the 87th Craigmmond (Edinburgh) Scout Group ("The Group") for the year ended 31st March 2020 which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The Group's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The Group's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (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 Group 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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:-

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirement
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with the section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave 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.

Michael G Cockburn FCIBS
Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers in Scotland
9 Carfrae Road Blackhall Edinburgh EH4 3SD

Signature:

Name:

Date:

Statement of Receipts and Payments

Summary of Receipts and Payments 2018 - 2019

RECEIPTS	2019-2020	2018-2019
Donations (note 1)	£ 330.00	£2,636.00
Hire of Scout Hall (note 2)	£ 6,621.00	£7,124.00
Subscriptions - received	£ 1,615.83	£2,045.50
Miscellaneous income	£ 1,156.04	
Other Group income		
Camp Income	£ 1,279.50	
Grand Total	£11,002.37	£11,805.50

PAYMENTS	2019-2020	2018-2019
Camp expenses	-£3,388.64	-£198.74
Equipment purchase & Maint	-£508.79	-£5,238.99
Insurance	-£1,353.63	-£1,212.46
Misc expenses	-£233.93	-£145.00
Scout Hall costs	-£3,708.40	-£3,218.40
Section outgoings	-£35.97	-£810.99
Subscriptions - out	-£2,627.00	-£2,808.00
Training		-£70.00
Grand Total	-£11,856.36	-£13,702.58

Cash and Bank Balances (Unrestricted)

Income for year	£11,002.37
Expenditure for year	-£11,856.36
Surplus deficit for year	-£853.99

Statement of Balances

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Opening cash at bank and in hand	£3,873.04
(surplus)/deficit for year	-£853.99
closing cash at bank and in hand	£3,019.05

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Notes to the Accounts

Note 1 - Detail of Donations and Grants received 2018 – 2019

DONATIONS	Sum of Amount
	£
Donations	330.00
Westwoods Health Club (Andrew's donation)	£ 330.00
Grand Total	£ 330.00

Note 2 - Detail of Hall Let Income

HIRE OF SCOUT HALL	Sum of Amount
	£
Hire of Scout Hall	6,621.00
Christian Life	£ 1,116.00
Dogs & the city	£ 3,035.00
Red Lions	£ 48.00
Ultimate Taekwon-do	£ 234.00
N.Wilson (Ad Hoc)	£ 36.00
Tracy Watt (Refund)	-£ 40.00
Chas MacIntosh - Ad Hoc Hire	£ 60.00
Natalie Wilson - Ad Hoc Hire	£ 60.00
Key Deposit - Craigroyston Community Youth FC	£ 20.00
Key Deposit - Slimming World	£ 20.00
Craigroyston Community Youth Football Club	£ 348.00
Slimming World	£ 1,008.00
Key Deposit - Battle Games	£ 20.00
Battle Games	£ 220.00
Leisha Williamson (Victoria)	£ 40.00
Edinburgh Red Lions	£ 396.00
Grand Total	£ 6,621.00

Scouting groups income

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The group maintains a single undesignated fund for all its financial transactions. The individual sections are asked to transfer any separate funds accumulated throughout the year before the year end. Drawings can then be made against these funds by the relevant section without prior authorisation from the Group Executive.

Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year (2019/20)

Reserves Policy

The Trustees believe that around three months of annual expenditure is an appropriate level of reserves in order to cover the timing differences between receipts & payments and to allow for any unexpected items of expenditure on the Scout Hall.

Assets and Liabilities

Assets

The Group owns the Scout Hall at 81 Boswall Parkway, Edinburgh EH5 2PW. The title is held in the names of the South East Scotland Regional Scout Council office bearers, on behalf of the group. The title deeds are held in safe keeping at Scott Rae, Regional legal adviser, of Morton Fraser.

The land on which the Scout Hall is situated is leased from “The City of Edinburgh Council” under a 25 year lease commencing April 1993. The current Ground Rent is £250 per annum.

The Group owns a Zodiac Rib and 25Hp outboard, this was purchased in 2004 by means of a grant of £4850 from the National Lottery. The outboard engine was replaced in 2018 at a cost of £3,575, partly funded by a £2000 grant from The Scout Association.

The Group owns 3 sailing Toppers, which were purchased second hand in 1994.

The Group owns a quantity of camping, boating and other sports equipment, which has been acquired over a number of years.

Liabilities

The Group has no other material liabilities or obligations.

Approval

Approved by the Group Executive Committee on xxxxxxxx 2020 and signed on behalf of all trustees by:

Andrew Dean
Chairman

Alan Williamson
Treasurer

Charles Macintosh
Group Scout Leader

Appendix A

Triplicate Minute of Agreement and Lease between the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council of the City of Edinburgh (**Landlords**) and the Trustees for the Royston Boys Club (**Tenants**) and the Trustees for Edinburgh and Leith County Scout Council of the Boy Scouts Association (Subjects: Ground at Royston Mains Gardens, Edinburgh), dated 4, 26, 29, 30 May, 14 & 16 June 1939.

Copy Minute of Lease between the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council of the City of Edinburgh (**Landlords**) and the Trustees for the City of Edinburgh and Leith County Scout Council of the Boy Scouts Association (**Tenants**) (Subjects: Land at Boswall Parkway, Edinburgh), dated 7 September 1976;

Minute of Extension of Lease between the City of Edinburgh District Council (**Landlord**) and the Trustees of the City of Edinburgh Area Scout Council of the Scout Association (**Tenants**) (Subjects: 0.2475 acres at Boswall Parkway, Edinburgh), dated 7 & 17 September 1976;

1. Extract Registered Minute of Lease between the City of Edinburgh District Council (**Landlord**) and the Trustees for the 87th Craigmmond Scout Group (**Tenants**) (Subjects: Area of ground at 81 Boswall Parkway, Edinburgh), dated 16, 20 March & 22 April 1993, recorded in the General Register of Sasines for the County of Midlothian on 5 May 1993;

Draft Minute of Lease between the City of Edinburgh District Council (**Landlord**) and the Trustees for the 87th Craigmmond Scout Group (**Tenants**) (Subjects: Area of ground at 81 Boswall Parkway, Edinburgh), dated 1993;

2. Minute of Renunciation of Lease by the Trustees of City of Edinburgh Area Scout Council in favour of the City of Edinburgh Council (Lease of 0.2475 acres at 81 Boswell Parkway, Edinburgh, dated 16 & 20 March 1993;

Minute of Lease between the City of Edinburgh District Council and the Trustees for the 87th Craigmmond Scout Group (Subjects: Area of ground at 81 Boswall Parkway, Edinburgh), dated 16 & 20 March 1993 and 22 April 1993.