



SOUTH ANGUS DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2020-21



South Angus District Chairman
Alasdair Macleod



I am pleased to have the opportunity to introduce our 2019 – 2020 Annual Report, which goes some way to documenting the innovative and spirited way in which all involved have strengthened, developed and adapted the Scouting programme throughout South Angus.

Never has the “be prepared” approach to scouting been more ably demonstrated than through the measures introduced to allow scouting to continue through the challenges we have all faced throughout the second half of the Scouting Year and potentially for some months to come.

Kenny Lee, Lynne Cattanagh and Audrey Milne were nominated at our 2019 AGM as Group Representatives on the District Executive. They have brought the same level of commitment to this role as they already give to the Scout Groups which they so ably lead.

In the coming months it is hoped that the District Executive can move forward with optimism to a review and implementation of many aspects of our District Development Plan which have necessarily been curtailed in recent months.

The District resources have been reviewed and procedures for managing and adding to them established. With the coinciding of the good weather months and Covid-19 restrictions on outdoor events, the opportunities for marquee use or hire have been diminished this year but we are grateful to those who give of their time to maintain the equipment and who are looking forward to maximising opportunities for use next year.

It will be reported elsewhere that the funds held by the District are well in excess of the minimum required to function. Inviting and supporting projects that will enhance the Scouting experience in South Angus has been and will always remain a priority for the District Executive. It is hoped that the new web site when launched in the coming months will widen awareness of current activities and offer opportunities to influence and extend future activities.

Conducting activities in a safe and secure manner has always been at the heart of scouting. Understanding and addressing the risks posed by exposure to and transmission of Covid-19 has added a new dimension to all our lives requiring interpretation, communication and application of evolving and changing guidance. We are grateful to all involved for the patience and understanding exhibited to date in addressing these additional responsibilities as we eventually move towards a return to safe face to face scouting.

It would be remiss not to conclude by expressing, on behalf of all involved in Scouting in the District, my appreciation for the time, commitment and talents contributed by our District Commissioner Gordon Stuart, Secretary Maureen Macleod and Treasurer Allen Skinner, without your contributions and leadership we simply could not function.

District Commissioner Report Gordon Stuart



This year has definitely been different in scouting and the wider world. We have equipment untouched in stores, scout halls sitting empty and living rooms being the new socially distant virtual scout hall. To say this has been challenge for scouting is an understatement but I must take my hat off to the leaders and other volunteers that have ensured scouting has not been a self-isolating, lockdown and locked out experience. Leaders have adapted and learnt quickly, providing virtual programmes to young people, with Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers scouting from home and even camping at home through initiative and fun programmes offered to give our young people some sense of normality

during the pandemic.

People – Before Covid 19, we were growing since last year’s census figure with 2 new sections opening to young people, along with these opening an increase in Adult volunteers at group level. And as I’ve mentioned these volunteers stepping up to the mark at all levels. We have seen an increase in adults engaging with adult training over lockdown and this I hope will continue and result in more wood badges being awarded.

Programme- With the pandemic, unfortunately Blair Athol International Patrol Jamborette was cancelled, where we had a full patrol that were selected through tough competition as part of the Angus Cluster to attend the jamborette. Programmes have been heavily adaptive to allow for virtual scouting with many groups across the district participating in virtual camps. I must thank the parents and carers of the young people for supporting this as I know how messy some of the activities have been at times.

Perception- Excitingly we have a new district website, however this has not gone live yet but will be soon, again this progress has been impacted by our wider world. The website will help boost our perception and will help promote activities and groups, sign posting visitors with a click. Through virtual programme many groups have shared their scouting on social media again demonstrating the fun the young people are having.

Protect – This is a new strand to the strategy set out by HQ, reflects how we protect the safety and sustainability of scouting. As we are aware scouting has taken a financial hit and has lost some members though the pandemic, we hope to see back along with new members as Scouting slowly and safely returns to face to face Scouting. We are slowly returning to face to face scouting with young people with cleaner hands than ever before, we must do so with caution and groups are tirelessly working to get risk assessments approved and control measures in place to ensure the safety of all, regarding covid 19.

Lastly I would like to thank all the volunteers that have continued to work tirelessly and have adapted to the ever changing environment in which we face today. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Maureen Macleod for her service and support as District Secretary over the years. Maureen has been trying to step down for some time, and her dedication and organisation will be greatly missed in the role.

Membership

Youth membership of South Angus District, as noted at the 2020 census in February, has continued to increase this year. Total youth membership has increased by over 10%. The largest increase is in the Scout section.

Table 1 Youth membership by section, comparison of 2019 vs 2020 census figures

	2019 n=	2020 n=	Increase n=	% Increase
Beaver Scouts	107	113	6	5.6
Cub Scouts	117	108	-9	-7.7
Scouts	79	117	38	48.1
Explorer Scouts	30	30	0	0.0
Total Youth Membership	343	380	37	10.8

Disclosure

As being a volunteer within the Scout Association involves being in a position of trust, all adult volunteers are subject to a check made against records at Headquarters and certain roles will be required to undertake a Criminal Record Disclosure Check according to POR.

Rule 3.26 The Appointment of Adults

a. No person aged 18 or over may be permitted to undertake any responsibilities or involvement within Scouting until the appropriate enquiries have been made.

The enquiries must include a Personal Enquiry (see Introduction) to Headquarters as described below, in the case of a person who:

- wishes to become a Member or Associate Member; or may have unsupervised access to young people
- will have involvement with the handling or management of funds, will be assisting with overnight activities (including Nights Away)
- may be helping out once a month or more

Personal Enquiries must be repeated for all adults in the above categories every five years.

The Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) membership scheme is managed and delivered by Disclosure Scotland. It helps make sure people whose behaviour makes them unsuitable to work with children and/or protected adults, can't do 'regulated work' with these vulnerable groups. When someone applies to join the PVG Scheme Disclosure Scotland carries out criminal record checks and shares the results with individuals and organisations. The application process involves gathering criminal record and other relevant information. If the information shows the applicant

might be unsuitable for regulated work, they'll be referred for further investigation as part of the 'consideration process'.

In 2019-20, 43 adults received approval via the PVG scheme to volunteer in South Angus District.

New Appointments

This year has been proved successful in attracting new appointments to the District, with 27 candidates being invited to attend an Appointments Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting, all of whom met with the committee's approval. Spanning the four groups the committee approved 1 GSL, 2 SL Scouts, 4 SL Beavers, 4 ASL Scouts, 2 ASL Cubs, 3 ASL Beavers, 9 Section Assistants and 2 District Scout Active Support Co-ordinators. The committee was so impressed with the calibre of the candidates, showing a real enthusiasm and understanding of their chosen role. We are so grateful to these individuals for giving of their time to improve the experience of our young people and the existing leaders who provide encouragement, experience and their knowledge to continuously develop new leadership.

Members of the AAC

Rod Bowman (Chair)

Kathleen Band

Lynne Cattanach-Rodger

Logan Cosgrove

Suzanne Hynds

David Inglis

Kenny Lee

Leanne Morris

Steve Scott



South Angus Scout Active Support Report 2018-19

Ailsa Bickerton, Manager Secretary

Our numbers now stand at 10. We welcomed Wendy Anderson to the Unit, she is also our Events and Communications coordinator and will arrange all SAS events. Michael Robertson is our Marquee and Equipment Coordinator.

Our AGM was on 8th September 2019 followed by a meal at the Aboukir.

DISTRICT AGM. 17th September 2019. We did the catering as usual for this event.

We had a lot of events planned but they were all cancelled due to lockdown. Hopefully events will be resumed in the near future, and we look forward to being involved.



South Angus District Scout Council

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For year Ended 31st March 2020

Scottish Charity No. SC043782

Trustees' Annual Report

Allen Skinner

The District Executive Committee has pleasure in presenting its report together with the financial statement and the Independent Examiner's report to the year ended 31st March 2020.

Name and Address

The District's name is the South Angus District Scout Council and it can be contacted via the Treasurer at 15 The Logan, Liff, Angus DD2 5PJ.

Constitution

The District is constituted in terms of the Rules of The Scout Association which is a charitable body incorporated by Royal Charter. The District is registered as a Scottish Charity- No SC043782.

Purpose and Values

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development empowering them to make a positive contribution to society

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 we live in

Belief- We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes

Co-operation- We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends

Activities and Achievements

During the year The District has provided practical and financial support when requested. All the sections and groups have taken part in a variety of events and international programmes including camps and adventurous activities. Financial support has been provided where required. These activities included the District Annual Gala, District Camps, Blair Atholl International Camp, and Cub Badge day.

Comments on Accounts

The accounts show a deficit for the year due to late receipt of payment of membership dues from two of the groups. These were unable to be lodged because of the difficulties caused by the Coronavirus outbreak. Cheques for these outstanding fees have now been presented to the bank and will be shown in the 2020 – 2021 accounts.

The accounts also show the costs for setting up the District Website.

Trustees

The Trustees form the District Executive committee:

Chairman	Alasdair Macleod
Secretary	Maureen Macleod
Treasurer	Allen Skinner
District Commissioner	Gordon Stuart

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

No Trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the year.

Independent Examiner	William A Cant, 4 Kirk Road, Fowlis
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Bankers	Bank of Scotland Dundee City Branch P Box 1000 BX2 1LB
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Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

Under charity law, the Trustees shall prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the surplus of income over expenditure. In preparing these accounts, generally accepted accounting practice entails that the Trustees:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently,
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- Prepare the accounts on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume the charity will continue its activities

The Trustees are required to act in accordance with the Constitution of the Charity, within the framework of trust law. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the Trust Deed.

They have general responsibilities for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Reserves Policy

The District holds unrestricted funds of £9,394.66 which comprises the General Fund and Designated Unrestricted Funds and includes funds for international events which have still to be disbursed. The Trustees believe that around 12 months of annual expenditure is an appropriate level of reserve in order to cover the timing differences between receipts and payments and to allow for any unexpected expenditure on ad hoc requests for groups and sections for additional finance.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of South Angus District Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2020 which are set out on pages 13 to 18 below.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the Act

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 presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as 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 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 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

Have not been met: or

- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Signature



W.A. Cant
Independent Examiner

Date 10/09/2020

Statement of Receipts and Payments

	General Unrestricted Funds	Designated Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds To 31 st March 2020	Total Funds To 31 st March 2019
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
<i>Voluntary Income:</i>				
Subscriptions (Net) See note 1*	(4129.00)		(4129.00)	4098.5
Murroes Scout Group Donation	898.69		898.69	0.00
Cub Camp		1888.97	1888.97	0.00
District Camp		2501.04	2501.04	1138.25
Cub Badge Day	93.00		93.00	36.00
<i>Fund Raising Activities:</i>				
Marquee Hire	850.00		850.00	1150.00
Total Receipts	(2287.31)	4390.01	2102.70	6422.75
Payments				
<i>Voluntary Expenses:</i>				
District Swimming Gala	0.00		0.00	343.91
National Camping Competition	0.00		0.00	150.00
Insurances	712.93		712.93	703.44
Miscellaneous Expenses	967.22		2029.21	826.22
Web Site Expenses	1061.99			0.00
District Camp		2519.41	2519.41	0.00
<i>Fund Raising Expenses:</i>				
Marquee/Trailer Expenses	0.00		0.00	936.00
Cub Camp		725.24	725.24	0.00
Total Payments	2742.14	3244.65	5986.79	2959.57
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	(5029.45)	1145.36	(3884.09)	3463.18

Statement of Receipts and Payments

	Designated Funds	Total Funds To 31 st March 2020	Total Funds To 31 st March 2019
	£	£	£
Receipts			
Blair Atholl	300.00	300.00	851.00
World Jamboree	1230.00	1230.00	3720.00
Madagascar Expedition	0.00	0.00	100.00
Total Receipts	<u>1530.00</u>	<u>1530.00</u>	<u>4671.00</u>
Payments			
Blair Atholl	390.00	390.00	775.09
World Jamboree	2470.00	2470.00	2480.00
Total Payments	<u>2860.00</u>	<u>2860.00</u>	<u>3255.09</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	<u>(1330.00)</u>	<u>(1330.00)</u>	<u>1415.91</u>

Statement of Balances

Opening Balance at 31 st April 2019	31 March 2020	31 March 2019
Balance at end of year	£14608.75	£9729.66
Surplus/(deficit) for year		
Undesignated Funds	(£3884.09)	£2324.93
Designated Funds	(£1330.00)	£2554.16
 Closing Balance	 <u>£9394.66</u>	 <u>£14608.75</u>

Represented by:

Bank Balance as at 31 March 2020	£ 9406.65
Less Outstanding Cheque	<u>£ 11.99</u>
	<u>£ 9394.66</u>



R A Skinner

District Treasurer

Date 10/09/2020

***Note 1 to Accounts -Subscription Income**

Subscriptions received for year 2017/2018	Year to 31 March 2020	Year to 31 March 2019
Camus Venture Scouts (Paid in April 2018)		£ 165.00
Monifieth Group (Paid in April 2018)		£1,485.00
Newbigging Group (paid in April 2018)		£1,518.00
 Subscriptions received for year 2019/2020		
Carnoustie Group	£ 5,495.00	£4,692.00
Monifieth Group		£ 1,925.00
Muirhead Group		£ 2,788.00
Camus Venture Scouts	£ 315.00	£ 0.00
Newbigging Group	<u>£2,205.00</u>	<u>£ 1,870.00</u>
	£8,015.00	£14,443.00
 Element collected as agent for		
Area and SHQ	£12,144.00	<u>£10,656.00</u>
Net Subscription Income	(£4,129.00)	£ 3,787.00
 Add Early Payment rebate		
2017/2018		£ 145.00
2018/2019		<u>£ 166.50</u>
Subscriptions Net Total	(£4,129.00)	<u>£ 4,098.50</u>

Movement of Funds

Unrestricted Funds	April 2020	Incoming 2019	Outgoing Resources	March Resources
	£	£	£	£
General	12,054.59	(2,287.31)	(2,742.14)	7,025.14
Designated Funds				
District Camp	1,138.25	2,501.04	(2,519.41)	1,119.88
Cub Camp	0.00	1,888.97	(725.24)	1,163.73
Blair Atholl Jamboree	75.91	300.00	(390.00)	(14.09)
World Scout Jamboree	1,240.00	1,230.00	(2,470.00)	0.00
Madagascar Expedition	<u>100.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	<u>14,608.75</u>	<u>3,632.70</u>	<u>(8,846.79)</u>	<u>9,394.66</u>

SOUTH ANGUS DISTRICT ACTIVE SUPPORT GROUP

Accounts for the Year ended 31st August 2020

Opening Balance – 01/09/2019

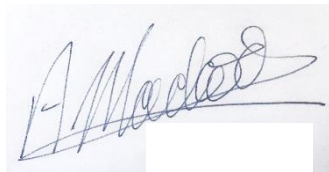
Bank £ 434.46
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<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
0.00	0.00

Closing Balance – 31/08/2020

Bank £ 434.46
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The summary provided above accurately represents the Activities of the Group for the years 2019/20



Signed.....Manager



SignedTreasurer

UNIFORMED REPORTS

Carnoustie Scout Group Report 2019/20

Kenny Lee, Group Scout Leader

I am extremely pleased to report that this has been another hugely successful year for Carnoustie Scout Group. Our numbers have increased again since last year and we currently have a record number of 160 young people enjoying Scouting in Carnoustie on a weekly basis which is 11% up from the previous year. This is not down to chance but as a result of the excellent team of amazing leaders we have in the Group. Each leader has their own unique quality which they bring to the Group, which when combined gives an amazing force of which I am immensely proud. The Scout Group currently comprises the 2 Beaver Colonies on a Monday and Friday, 3 Cub Packs meeting on a Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings, 2 Scout Troops on a Wednesday and Friday and the Explorer Unit on a Friday. Numbers in the Beavers and Cubs have remained steady throughout the year, but our biggest growth has been in the Scouts. So much that we opened a second troop in October and both troops are now running to capacity. We are retaining the young people more than ever and we have many new members coming straight into all sections. Numbers in the Explorer Unit have remained constant although we have sadly lost some of our older members through work and study commitments. We continue to look for new members for all sections of the Group.

This was a special year as I was proud to lead a contingent to the Central Florida Jamboreette in the USA of 33 scouts and explorers from the Group in summer 2019. This event will have lasting memories both for myself as well as the other leaders and all the young people. Each and every one of the scouts and explorers were excellent as ambassadors of Carnoustie and Scouts Scotland.



The young people had numerous opportunities over the year from 18 different camps offering skills for life totally almost 2,000 nights away over the course of the year. The activities on offer have ranged from deep sea fishing, white water rafting and of course tubing. Barrwood was my personal favourite camp with 126 campers from the group enjoying a back to basics camping experience. The skills for life experienced at the Sub Zero national camp was resilience when the 44 scouts and explorers had a firsthand opportunity bearing the full force of storm Ciara. The Group did well at the District swimming gala winning the section for Beavers, Scouts and Leaders. Our musicians within the Group also did us proud with both the Beavers and the Scout Wind Band achieving first place each at the Arbroath District Music Festival. However, things changed completely at the end of the year when all our outdoor activities, camps and hall meetings were postponed or cancelled, and we migrated to virtual scouting using the zoom platform.

Without doubt every section of Carnoustie Scout Group continues to offer a high quality, varied and exciting programme to the members over the course of the year. Thanks go to our team of dedicated and committed volunteer leaders, section assistants and helpers for continuing to provide an interesting and stimulating programme on a weekly basis covering such a diverse range of activities. This is testament to the great number of Chief Scout Challenge badges which will be presented to our members. We currently have the following warranted leaders - 4 Beaver Scout Leaders, 4 Cub Scout Leaders, 8 Scout Leaders and 2 Explorer Scout Leaders plus a further 19 section assistants. We continue to have great support from parents willing to help out on occasion. As always, we are continually on the lookout for anyone able and willing to help in whatever way.

Thanks goes to Simon Laird as chairperson of the efficient Parent's Executive. Special thanks goes to our treasurer (Donna Sturrock) who is standing down this year. Thanks to Tatiana Zorina for our effective secretary. Thanks to our social convener Mel Anderson for all her hard work and keeping on track of the various emails and to Eleanor Greig for coordinating the hall bookings. Thanks also go to Lindsay Burns and Natalie Mackland and the Christmas Post subcommittee for once again efficiently and professionally organising our biggest fundraiser. Our donations for the post remain the main fundraising income for the Group. We continued working with neighbouring Scout Groups in Arbroath, Monifieth and Broughty Ferry.

All the sections have taken part in events both at district level in South Angus, regional events in the East of Scotland as well as National events across Scotland. In the summer we held our stall and float at Carnoustie Gala Day and thanks to the members of the Parent's Committee who helped at this event. In November we were well represented and very smart at the Carnoustie Remembrance Day parade. In February we were again very well represented at the Founder's Day parade at the Newton Church.

Camping and the outdoors have been fundamental in the core values and witness to this is the number of zodiac awards being presented this evening. We have a diverse group of skilled individuals in the group from our band instructors and sign language teachers to our skiing instructors and gorge walking leaders.

We continue to have a strong relationship with Monifieth Scout Group and this has increased over the past year with mutual use of leader's talents. We have also continued to have a strong relationship with our friends in the Falkirk area Scout Groups. At the USA Jamboree we formed lifelong friendships with scouts from Canada and Florida. Scouting in Carnoustie continues to be varied and strong. Everyone looks forward to returning to outdoor adventures, camps and regular meetings in the hall following the COVID-19 pandemic. We have a committed, talented and dedicated team of leaders suitably complimented by a hard working parent's executive. This combination ensures that Carnoustie Scout Group can offer a varied programme to the 160 or so regular members every week. The future growth remains steady with a busy programme scheduled by all sections for the year ahead.



Monifieth Scout Group

Leanne Morris, Group Scout Leader

I was delighted to be offered the role of Group Scout Leader and to report on the continued growth of Monifieth Scout Group. I would like to thank Kathleen Band for her support as Acting GSL during this year and I am sure she will not be a stranger to the group in the future.

Interest in Monifieth Scout Group has risen rapidly since we adopted an online presence and increased our involvement in community activities, and this has led to us having to open a new Monday Beaver Colony due to the increasing membership (88 at year end) and a good retention rate.

Building on the success of our Beavers 'A Million Hands' Mental health project in 2018, the leadership team continued to focus on community engagement and have built meaningful connections in the community. We supported Grange Primary School by attending the open air screening of the Greatest Showman with Scouts from Carnoustie and we had 38 Children attend the Monifieth Remembrance Day parade. We also held a Ceilidh where we joined up with Monifieth Athletic football team and we have made strong connections with St Mary Nursing home, Monifieth Eco Force and Monifieth Community Council who are all extremely keen to engage with younger members of the community. The most significant event was when we collaborated with Monifieth Girl Guides to create a Thinking day/ Founders day event on equality, diversity and inclusion. Despite sharing a hall, this was the first joint event in more than 15 years, and it was a very good topic to bring both groups together. Many projects with these new partnerships are currently on hold due to COVID but provide a promising future and exciting opportunities for the group.

In Scouting, we have continued to build our relationship with Carnoustie Scout Group and I would like to thank Kenny Lee and Carnoustie Scout Group for continuing to invite Monifieth to their camps and events as well as providing support and encouragement to our new leaders.

The Scout Troop experienced 10 nights away opportunities that varied from JOTI international camp at the hall where the Scouts learned about Scouting across the world to Sub Zero where the Scouts learned the importance of having a tidy tent and being able to move quickly if needed. Despite the wet weather and gales from Storm Ciara, the Scouts have referred to this as 'the best experience ever' due to the activities on offer and freedom to roam on the campsite.

The Cubs experienced 4 nights away opportunities including a night at Blair Drummond Safari and the District camp where they had the opportunity to meet and work with Cubs from other groups.

The Beavers had 7 nights away opportunities both indoors and in tents; the highlight of these being the epic Harry Potter camp where the Jock Neish Scouting Centre was transformed into Hogwarts and they all learned to fly and make magic potions before learning to tame the magical creatures (owls).

The group would not be growing and working efficiently without the hard work of our group executive committee. Thanks to Paul Reynolds as Chairperson, Stef Hume as Secretary and

Tracy Borland as Treasurer. Thanks also to Mel Stuart for developing our newsletters and collage of the year and Rachael Heppell for assisting Stef Hume coordinating the Christmas Post.

The Scout hall in the Boyack Centre is currently undergoing huge refurbishments to the kitchen and toilets as well as the creation of an outdoor shelter to allow more outdoor 'all weather' Scouting. This is very exciting for the Group and we hope this will help provide the boost needed to keep up the momentum and build on our existing membership and leadership team, post-COVID.

I am confident that the great relationships we have built in the community and the new facilities will provide a mental boost for the leaders and that we will continue to grow and become more integrated into Monifieth Community, which in turn will provide lots of exciting opportunities for our young people.



46th Angus Group (Muirhead, Birkhill and Newtyle)

Audrey Milne, Group Scout Leader

All sections have healthy numbers. Unfortunately, all sections were brought to a halt in March with Covid 19.

Muirhead Beavers have had another busy year. Beavers enjoyed some visitors and outings and gained a lot of badges. Lorraine and her team have worked well with the colony.

Muirhead Cubs

As in previous years they have had a fun filled programme, various outings and a trip to the Pantomime at Christmas. Craig and his team work well with their pack.

Newtyle Cubs

Again, have experienced a good balanced programme and have grown in numbers over the past year. Kathleen and Shona continue to grow this pack

Scouts

Scouts have had a fun filled year, working hard towards many badges. Their usual Burns Supper was again this year a great success. All plans for a trip to Amsterdam with Newtyle and Muirhead cubs had to be put on hold due to Covid 19 but are still hoping to go in April 2021

Explorers

Explorer unit has grown, and they have been busy with skills for life activities they also had been looking forward to going to Amsterdam

I would like to thank all my team for their continued enthusiasm towards their sections and hope Scouting in 46th Angus will begin the new normal and continue to grow.

Newbigging Scout Group Report 2019/20

Lynne Cattanach-Rodger, Group Scout Leader

When we gathered last June, we reported on the previous year's successes and our plans for 2019/20. This scouting year promised to be an excellent, exciting one and in many ways, it has proved to be. We had camps and outings planned. Our leaders got together at the beginning of January and planned a jam-packed, ambitious, exciting programme for this calendar year.

However, I don't think any of us foresaw the year ending up with scouting entering a whole new era of Weekly Teams Meetings, Homeboree and Badges at Home Uploads.

When lockdown came, the leaders decided not to jump in right away with alternative scouting. We took on board that our members were still adjusting to the new regime and once we were ready to launch our online scouting, they were keen and ready for their weekly scouting again

And so began our new scouting life of posting challenges, viewing photos and videos and weekly online meetings.

For some it has proved incredibly successful, others have elected not to join in very much if at all. To date 90% of the youth members have join in some form of online/offline scouting during lockdown which is most encouraging.

Every year Scout groups and sections have a list of minimum criteria we need to fulfil. I am pleased to say that we have more than exceeded it in great fashion.

All our members have been offered more than 1 nights away experiences, great activities, badges galore have been gained and we have 10 members gaining the top awards for their sections with more just about to complete theirs.

Our Group Facebook page is testimony to the fun, friendship and achievement the group continues to provide.

Looking ahead the leaders have plans well into next year which once the "new normal" is established we will be able to share more fully with you all.

Great growth

As a group, we have again continued to grow in all sections, as well as in leader numbers. Youth membership is measured every 31st January and was up by 11% to 59 members.

Sadly, we said farewell to 1 leader, Esme Hunter, who left to concentrate on her studies. The good news is that we welcomed another 3 adults into our leader team. Billy McGann (Cubs), Logan Cosgrove and Helen O'Sullivan (both Beavers). Our Scout Section have received support from Murray Nicoll who had recently retired from running weekly scouts and joined the District Active Support.

We also added to our Group Active Support section. These folks are adult members who cannot or do not wish to take on an active weekly leader role but instead support us as and when they can. Welcome to the group David, Lisa, Kevin and Sharon.



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