



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

OSCR

Scottish Charity Regulator

www.oscr.org.uk

Registered Charity
SC043782

Alasdair Macleod

South Angus District Chairman



I am pleased to have the opportunity to introduce our 2012 - 2021 Annual Report, which goes some way to documenting the innovative and spirited way in which all involved have developed and adapted the South Angus scouting programme throughout the most challenging of years.

Whilst the main preoccupation of the District Executive and Group leadership has been to safely facilitate participation in the scouting program some progress has been made in the implementation of many aspects of our District Development Plan.

The District resources have been reviewed and procedures for managing and adding to them established. We have also identified and designated a substantial part of our finances towards specific outcomes which are intended to assist in the Development Plan implementation and most importantly increasing the range of indoor and outdoor activities that are on offer to our young people.

With 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.

The new web site has been launched and procedures for uploading and maintain content established southangusscouts.org.uk. With the active contribution of all Scout groups the web site will undoubtedly widen awareness of current activities and offer opportunities to influence and extend future activities.

Kenny Lee, Lynne Cattanach-Rodger and Audrey Milne were re nominated at our 2020 AGM as Group Representatives on the District Executive. They continue to demonstrate the same level of commitment to this role as they give to the Scout Groups which they so ably lead.

We are grateful to all involved for the patience, understanding, and innovation exhibited over the past year. It would however be remiss of me 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 Joslyn MacQueen and Treasurer Allen Skinner, without your contributions and leadership we simply could not function.

District Commissioner Report Gordon Stuart



It is great to see how resilient our members are as they overcome every set back the pandemic brought them. With restrictions easing young people got back to scouting outside for the majority of the year and then eventually getting back in the hall. These efforts have been the result of all our members with many group exec members and managers working together to put appropriate covid risk assessments in place to tackle every covid mitigations to keep scouting both safe and very much a sense of normality for our members.

People – This year our membership has suffered due to the pandemic, mainly due to not having brought in new members and losing a small amount during lockdowns. Our adult volunteers have worked hard to ensure they are fully prepared for scouting today, becoming compliant with safety, safeguarding & GDPR to compliment the safety of our movement.

Programme- The innovative and engaging programme that has been on offer across the district has been the vaccine to ensure we have retained so many members. Despite not yet being able to camp being the second year away from canvas. Young people still managed to gain more top awards this year than previous, this again is a sign of the quality programme on offer, and a demonstration of turning setbacks in to success.

Perception- Scouting being out in the community has been the image that has got us noticed, this is one factor to not just retaining members but also attracting new ones. As groups and sections have been able to showcase what scouting truly is like today. I can also now finally say after some delay our website is now live and will be another avenue to promote scouting across the district and will very much be a support tool for all our members.

Where to now – We want to continue and build on the hard work in the district. We have appointed a District Youth Commissioner – this will give the young people a voice at levels, along with the restructure of our Assistant District Commissioners to focus on Sectional Support and Events, this will help strength the programme that can be offered. During this year we also received a donation that will go to securing activity equipment for the district, allowing a sustainable adventurous programme to be offered.

I can only compliment the determination, commitment, and enthusiasm our adult volunteers have shown, rising to every challenge faced this year. We can tell the smiles are under every mask of our members, on behalf of all of them and myself I thank you for this.

Our Numbers...

Membership

Youth membership of South Angus District, as noted at the 2021 census in January, has fallen victim the pandemic, with many members dropping in and out of scouting during lockdown and other restrictions. However, we can still celebrate our retention of members through the sections (based on the population distributions from previous years) despite a drop overall which is most notably in the beaver section (due to few new members being recruited throughout lockdowns). Total membership has decreased by 10%. The largest increase is in the Explorer Scout section.

Table 1 Membership by section, comparison of 2020 vs 2021 census figures

	2019 n=	2020 n=	Change n=	% Change
Beaver Scouts	113	80	-33	-29%
Cub Scouts	108	116	8	+7%
Scouts	117	97	-20	-17%
Explorer Scouts	30	38	8	+27%
Total Youth Membership	368	331	37	-10%
Scout Network	12	7	-5	-42%
Adult membership	145	133	-12	-8%
Overall Total	513	464	-49	-10%

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.

South Angus District Scout Council

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For year Ended 31st March 2021

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 2021.

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 e values such as

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

This year has been a difficult one due to the Covid pandemic which severely disrupted the normal activities in the District. The only activity supported this year was the District Annual Gala. Other annual activities such as District Camps, Blair Atholl International Camp, and Cub Badge day were not able to be held.

Comments on Accounts

The accounts show a healthy balance for the year mainly due to the receipt of a donation of £12,500.00 from The Forsyth Trust and a £500.00 grant from the East of Scotland Region to help towards Covid costs. The late fees for year 2019/20 from two groups who were late paying last year are also included in these accounts.

The District Executive has decided to reserve monies to designated funds. These can be seen on page13 of these accounts. This shows that we are being prudent in our way of keeping

track of our expected expenditure. The figures will be reviewed annually to ensure that funds are sufficient for their purpose. We have also included an allowance for wear and tear and depreciation on our large items such as the marquee and trailer. New equipment when purchased will be added to the figure each year.

Trustees

The Trustees form the District Executive committee:

Chairman Alasdair Macleod

Secretary Joslyn MacQueen

Treasurer Allen Skinner

District Commissioner Gordon Stuart

Group Reps (Nominated Members)

K Lee

A Milne

L Cattanach-Rodger

L Morris

Elected members

Co-opted Members

Chair AAC R Bowman

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

Bankers Bank of Scotland
Dundee City Branch
P Box 1000
BX2 1LB

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 £26,819.85 which comprises the General Fund and Designated Funds. 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 2021 which are set out on pages 10 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

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

W.A. Cant

Independent Examiner

Date

Statement of Receipts and Payments

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Total Funds To 31 st March 2021	Total Funds To 31 st March 2020
	£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>				
Subscriptions (Net) See note 1*	1,979.00	3000.00	4,979.00	(4,129.00)
Murroes Scout Group Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00	898.69
Activities	0.00	300.00	300.00	4483.01
Marquee Hire	0.00		0.00	850.00
Donation Forsyth Charitable trust	0.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	0.00
East of Scot Scout Council Covid Grant	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
<u>Total Receipts</u>	2,479.00	15,800.00	18,279.00	2,102.70
<u>Payments</u>				
Activities	110.00	0.00	110.00	3244.65
Reserved Funds	755.80	0.00	755.80	1774.92
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	967.22
<u>Total Payments</u>	865.80	0.00	865.80	5,986.79
<u>Surplus/(Deficit) for Year</u>	1,613.20	15,800.00	17,413.20	(3,884.09)

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

	Year to	Year to
	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
Subscriptions received for year 2019/2020		
Monifieth Group (Paid in May 2019)	£1,995.00	
Muirhead Group (Paid in September 2019)	£2,800.00	
Subscriptions received for year 2020/2021		
Carnoustie Group	£ 4,320.00	£5,495.00
Monifieth Group	£1,512.00	
Muirhead Group	£3,312.00	
Camus Venture Scouts	£ 612.00	£ 315.00
Newbigging Group	<u>£2,160.00</u>	<u>£ 2,205.00</u>
	£16,711.00	£8,015.00
Element collected as agent for		
Area and SHQ	£11,916.00	<u>£12,144.00</u>
Net Subscription Income	£ 4,795.00	(£ 4,129.00)
Add Early Payment rebate		
2019/2020	£ 184.00	
2018/2019		
Subscriptions Net Total	£ 4,979.00	(£4,129.00)

Movement of Funds

Unrestricted Funds	April 2020	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	March 2021
	£	£	£	£
General	7,025.14	2,479.00	(865.80)	8,638.34
Transfer to Designated Fund			(3,400.00)	(3,400.00)
Designated Funds				
Activities	2,369.52	1,711.99	0.00	4,081.51
* Reserved Funds	0.00	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
Make it Happen Fund	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Equipment maintenance/ depreciation/replacement	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Storage facility and new Equipment	0.00	12,500.00	0.00	12,500.00
	9,394.66	21,690.99	(4,265.80)	<u>26,819.85</u>

*Designated Reserved Funds include allowances for Web Site Costs, Insurance Costs, and Subscription reserves.

SOUTH ANGUS DISTRICT ACTIVE SUPPORT GROUP

Accounts for the Year ended 31st August 2021

Opening Balance – 01/09/2020

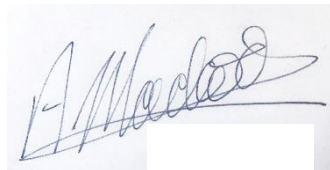
Bank £ 434.46
=====

<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
0.00	0.00

Closing Balance – 31/08/2021

Bank £ 434.46
=====

The summary provided above accurately represents the Activities of the Group for the years 2020/21



Signed.....Manager



SignedTreasurer

UNIFORMED REPORTS

Carnoustie Scout Group

Kenny Lee, Group Scout Leader

No one would have believed or thought that when we went into lockdown in March 2020 that over one year on, we would have had no camps, large scale events or face to face meetings and our older scouts unable to be in the hall.

Having said that we are in the fortunate position of having an amazing team of leaders who have continued to offer our young people the opportunity to participate in scouting in some form over the course of the year. This has provided a great lifeline for the young people in the height of lockdown being able to see and have fun with their scouting friends. This has ranged from online zoom meetings, virtual camps to badgework at home.

The Scout Group currently comprises the 2 Beaver Colonies, 3 Cub Packs, 2 Scout Troops as well as the Explorer Unit.



As we were unable to celebrate Founder's Day in person as a group a video was made to celebrate the event online. This is still able to be viewed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/LfPgQ-V4UeM>. This included contributions from our Scouting friends from all over the world.

Every section of Carnoustie Scout Group has offered a varied programme to the members over the course of the year within the restrictions of lockdown from online cooker to white water rafting on the River Tay.

Scouting in Carnoustie continues to be solid and we look forward to the challenges ahead rebuilding our Group post COVID-19. Speaking to the youth it is clear that they simply look forward to the residential experiences whether in the scout hall or at a camp site. Everyone looks forward to returning to outdoor adventures, camps and regular meetings in the hall and outside following the COVID-19 pandemic.

46th Angus Group (Muirhead, Birkhill and Newtyle)

Audrey Milne, Group Scout Leader

We have retained all members and added to numbers after Covid, so all sections are in a Healthy situation:

- Beavers returned in May
- Newtyle Cubs in May
- Muirhead Cubs, Scouts and Explorers in April

All sections are running outside mostly and are all thriving with good numbers and well-balanced programmes.

Scouts and Explorers are looking forward to their camp at Ladenford Den in October with a Taskmaster theme.

Hopefully our trip to Amsterdam will go again in April 22, having been cancelled twice.

Planned Events - Prize Bingo and Christmas Fayre.

Group committee still working hard to obtain Grants for new Hall roof, Hall lets have stayed steady

We are on the lookout for new leaders in Beavers and Cub sections.



Newbigging Scout Group

Lynne Cattanach-Rodger, Group Scout Leader

WOW! What a year this past one has been! I don't think any of us could have predicted how things would pan out. Our leaders have, as usual, risen to the challenge and have provided a fantastic and varied programme, virtually, indoors, and outdoors as restrictions permitted. We managed to get in another group virtual camp as well as various individual section ones. The uptake for these has been really good. We even have 3 scouts who are doing their gold zodiac challenge meaning they need to camp out at least one night each month – such hardy souls.

At our Group AGM last June, I am not sure many of us saw ourselves doing virtual cooking sessions and completing badges via the Badges at Home function on OSM. I think the carers and parents deserve a much deserved pat on the back for stepping up to the plate with their IT skills! 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. To date 95% of the youth members have join in some form of online/offline scouting during COVID restrictions 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 one again more than exceeded it in great fashion. All our members have been offered nights away experiences, great activities, badges galore have been gained and we have 6 members gaining the top awards for their sections with more just about to complete theirs.

Our Group Facebook page continues to provide updates to members of the activities our youth members get up to. The good, the bad and the downright grubby have all made an appearance!! Looking ahead we are making plans for “actual” camping in autumn but with caution as our watchword

Great growth

As a whole group, we have grown in numbers overall. Beaver and Cub numbers have increased while Scouts have dropped (mostly moving on to explorers). We have maintained our group leader numbers. Youth membership is measured every 31st January and was up by 1.7% to 60 members.

Our Scout Section continues to receive much welcome support from Murray Nicoll who had retired from running his own 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. Sharon McGann has been a welcome and much needed help with cubs when she can make it.

We have a waiting list of potential members who are still a little too young to join us yet. We do currently have a significant waiting list of those who have become age to join our Beaver section.



#SkillsForLife