Scouts
Llanishen & Lisvane

MEMBER OF CARDIFF NORTH DISTRICT IN CARDIFF AND THE VALE AREA.

Annual report by Group Lead Volunteer

MEMBERS

January 2026 Census number of members was 172, with a quarter being girls. These are spread across the 3 Beaver Colonies, Cub Packs and Scout Troops. We also have a large waiting list, which is organised efficiently by Philippa.

LEADERS

Leaders are vital to the Scout Group and arrange incredible activities for our members which provide adventure, fun, teamwork, education, outdoor activities, and promote independence, care for each other and the world around them. There are several Leaders and Helpers in each section, full time and part time. A huge thank you to all Leaders, especially the Leaders who run two sections. We also rely on parents helping at meetings and camps. Because of the turnover of Leaders, we are constantly aiming to recruit people who could inspire our young people. Young Leader Explorer Scouts are vital to each section and we hope that they will continue as Leaders when they reach 18. We are grateful for the connection they form with our young people.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the young people who gained Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.

ACTIVITIES AND CAMPS – Group, ScoutsCymru and Cardiff North District

Gorwelion in Porthcawl, Cranham in the Cotswolds, Jubilee Fields, Parkmill on Gower, Gang Show Sleepover, Wye Canoe Cruise, Kip in a Ship, Jamboree on the Internet at Livsey Hall, Scouts Gold Expedition.
Activities included water activities, hiking, climbing, parascending, Remembrance Day Service, archery, ice skating, Gang Show, dry ski slope, Cluedo and exciting times at our Scout Halls.

PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

Apart from day to day requirements, we have purchased water activity equipment (and had a donation of canoes from 61st Cardiff), tents, shelters and camping equipment. We would love to have a quartermaster to look after our kit. If you think you could do this, get in touch.

PROGRESSION TO EXPLORER SCOUTS

Our aim is that all our members should eventually join Explorer Scouts and remain in Scouting. We have a close connection to Fiery Dragons, who meet at Livsey Hall but our Scouts sometimes choose other Explorer Units.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We currently have a Chairman Nick; Treasurer Maurice; Secretary Nick and 6 more Trustees. We are grateful for all their efforts, particularly Maurice, who has to work out all the figures! We always need more Trustees as members leave or can no longer take part. If you feel you could get involved, please get in touch.

Thank you to Therese Pearce and John Blackburn, who have decided to step down. Your dedication and hard work for the Group are appreciated. We wish you well going forward.

COMMUNICATION

The Group members are kept informed by OSM email, WhatsApp Groups, and Facebook.

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

We now use the new Membership system. There is support from online videos, other Leaders and District support.

FUNDRAISING

We have run a successful programme of fundraising in the past year, some large activities, some small.
Bingo @ Lisvane Memorial Hall; Summer Cake stall at Lisvane Scout Hall; BBQ stall at Lisvane Festival Fete; Cardiff Community Lottery – Thank you if you have signed up for this. Give money to a good cause and have a chance of winning; Sewing on Badges.

HALL HIRE

A massive thank you to Andrew and Jeanette for running an efficient service for those people wishing to hire Livsey or Lisvane Scout Halls. This includes regular hirers: Treetops Nursery, LJC Dance, Lisvane Brownies, Little Fizz, Craft Club (school holidays), Mini Athletics and hires, for parties etc. This is now our biggest area of fundraising.

LONG TERM INVESTMENT

Maurice, our excellent Treasurer has been investing in high interest accounts which have helped with fundraising.

SCOUT HALL MAINTENANCE

We have an intermittent cleaner at Livsey. Lisvane is cleaned by Treetops staff and with an occasional high clean. There is a rolling programme of maintenance on all Scout Halls. The wifi is working well. We have a new projector in Livsey Hall. We have plans to erect sound absorbing panels and redecorate Livsey. The patio was extended in 2025. New doors have just been fitted in Lisvane Scout Hall.

LISVANE SCOUT HALL REDEVELOPMENT

New plans are currently being drawn to extend on the field side of the hall. The existing hall will also be opened out inside so that the space will be made bigger and the light can flood in from the south side windows. The roof will be replaced. The electrics, plumbing and heating will be upgraded and solar panels added. The outside areas will be extended and enclosed. We currently have £150K saved for this project. We have secured £100K in S106 funding and will approach local grant sources for help.

THE COURT FIELD run by the Court Field Project Group.

The Court Field is the large area next to Livsey and Fraser Halls. The Court School who organised the grass cutting, has moved to other sites. There is uncertainty about the plans Cardiff Council has for the CF. We are lucky to have this facility, next to our Scout Hall. The Group have planted trees around the field and use the area for activities. Help us to make full use of this field by assisting at maintenance days, to clear brambles, trim hedges and weed the garden. We donate £20 every month, which will be used to pay for the grass being cut, going forward. Local residents are encouraged to donate. There was a meeting at 5pm, after the AGM to discuss the future use of the CF. More information to follow. Please make full use of the field for fun, picnics, sport etc.

Treasurer's Report – Year ending 31st December 2025

I am very pleased to report that our total funds at 31 December 2025 were £156,689, an increase of £29,459 on the previous year.

	2025	2024
Receipts	£83,977	£76,295
Payments	£54,518	£49,399
Net Income	**£29,459**	**£26,896**
Funds last year end	£127,230	£100,334
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To give you a better understanding of the financial figures, below is a summary of some of the key points:

- While the surplus income of £29,459 is very encouraging, it is interesting to note that scouting income (income from membership subscriptions, youth programme and activities, uniforms and the 2024 gift aid) comes to £44,352. Expenses, after excluding the excess costs associated with renting out the hall and fundraising would come in above this at £49,000. This shows that hall rental and fundraising are vital to help fund the scouting activities.
- Subscriptions at £27,090, showed an increase of £2,093 over 2024. This was largely due to the £15 subscription applying for the full year in 2025. Capitation fees increased by £1,347 to £11,984.
- Hall rental receipts at £24,208 (2024 was £22,166) showed an increase of just under 10%. Many thanks to Andrew and Jeanette for all their hard work in promoting the halls and ensuring the rent is paid.
- Fundraising at £5,033, was very similar to 2024. Income after expenses for the main events were Fete and Cake Stall (£2,183), Bingo night (£712), Badge Sewing (£625), and Lottery (£214). Once again, we owe thanks to the dedicated organisers and workers for this income.
- We made two gift aid claims during the year to reclaim tax paid on subscriptions received in 2023 and 2024, providing receipts of £11,036. This means that we are now up to date with our gift aid claims.
- In 2025, £51,678 of our savings were invested in a fixed term account which provided a higher interest rate. That, along with a greater overall level of savings, increased the interest earned to £5,185 (£2,363 in 2024).
- The programme of activities continued throughout 2025 with a spend of £14,931 across all sections, funded by members paying £9,784 and £5,147 from the group.
- Premises repairs and renewals increased to £6,800 in 2025 (£3,126 in 2024). The major expenditure was extending the patio area (£3,720) and repairing the doors (£1,290) at Livsey Hall.
- The excess funds generated are being kept in savings accounts and are planned to be used for the upgrade of Lisvane Scout Hall as well as future work on Livsey.

I want to personally thank all the scouting team, led by Hilary, for their amazing work in 2025, who continue to provide an engaging and fun environment for our children, as well as ensuring funds are raised, not only for the various activities, but also to ensure that the Scout Halls continue to be maintained and developed for future generations.

Maurice Wright Group Treasurer

Llanishen & Lisvane Scout Group 2025

Receipts and Payments Accounts	For the year from	01/01/2025	to	31/12/2025

£GBP	2025	2024
Receipts		
Membership Subscriptions	27,090.00	24,997.00
Youth Programme & Activities	9,784.47	10,503.72
Uniforms	1,640.10	1,367.50
Rental of Premises	24,208.58	22,166.45
Fundraising	5,033.07	4,995.78
Gift Aid	11,036.23	9,901.77
Grants	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest	5,185.01	2,363.44
Total Receipts	**83,977.46**	**76,295.66**
Payments		
Scout Association Capitation Costs	11,984.40	10,637.40
Youth Programme & activities	14,930.92	17,863.60
Uniforms & Badges	5,390.07	3,343.62
Rates	1,955.30	2,198.66
Heat & Light	6,707.62	6,161.97
Telephone/Broadband	577.69	203.75
Cleaning	1,170.00	1,423.20
Repairs & Renewals	6,800.50	3,126.53
Other Property Costs	256.33	241.00
Insurance	1,701.22	1,510.26
Materials & Equipment	1,215.41	1,356.37
Stationery/Admin	889.94	366.65
Fundraising Costs	939.39	966.18
Total Payments	**54,518.79**	**49,399.19**
Excess of Receipts over Payments	**29,458.67**	**26,896.47**
General Fund at 31 December 2024	**127,230.49**	
General Fund at 31 December 2025	**156,689.16**	
Reconciliation to Bank Statement at 31 December 2025		
Current Account	10,492.08	
Business Instant Saver	13,224.09	
95 Day Notice Account	132,972.99	
Total Cash in Bank	**156,689.16**	

Approved by the Trustees on 17 May 2026

Signature: N R Palmer Print Name: N R PALMER

Signature: H J Hatton Print Name: H J HATTON

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Llanishen and Lisvane Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Llanishen and Lisvane Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Llanishen and Lisvane Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Llanishen and Lisvane Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Llanishen and Lisvane Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: M A Prestwood

Name: Michael Prestwood

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

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Date: 31/3/26