

# Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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## Section A

## Reference and administration details

Charity name

5th Carrickfergus Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

NIC103678

HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

146 Craigs Road

Carrickfergus

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	David Branagh		
2	Leony C. Jordan		
3	Stephen McCaffrey	Chair	
4	Robert Connor		
5	Jen Ashton	Treasurer	
6	Orla Humphrey		
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

**Section B****Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Group's governing documents are those of the 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.

How the charity is constituted

e.g. trust, association, company

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

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

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

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

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 Charity Commission as appropriate.

Policies and procedures adopted for:

a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Committee consists of Chair and Treasurer together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every 6 months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

The maintenance of Group property;

The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;

The insurance of persons, property and equipment;

Group public occasions;

Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;

Appointing any sub committees that may be required;

Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	<p><b>Risk and Internal Control</b> The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss.</p>

Section C	Objectives and activities
<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p><b>The Purpose of Scouting</b> Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p><b>The Values of Scouting</b> As Scouts we are guided by these values:  <b>Integrity</b> - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.  <b>Respect</b> - We have self-respect and respect for others.  <b>Care</b> - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.  <b>Belief</b> - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.  <b>Co-operation</b> - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p><b>The Scout Method</b> Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- enjoy what they are doing and have fun</li> <li>- take part in activities indoors and outdoors</li> <li>- learn by doing</li> <li>- share in spiritual reflection</li> <li>- take responsibility and make choices</li> <li>- undertake new and challenging activities</li> <li>- make and live by their Promise.</li> </ul>
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects</p>	<p>Outdoor activities, including camps, character building games, visits to local places of interest. Indoor activities including learning about other countries, making things and indoor games.</p>

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

Public benefit statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

A Cub+Scout camp was held in August 2022 and was attended by 14 young people.

Beavers - Consistent numbers. Varied programme. Highlight was overnight camp and Beaver Rally day. Activities including drumming, campfire and inflatables. Most beavers have continued in the beaver section 23/24.

Cubs: many and varied activities including learning to cooking on hike stoves, water challenge. Many cubs attended the group camp in August 2022 taking part in stand-up paddle boarding, zipline and laser-tag. Many cubs activity overnight camp and hike to Forest Fitness over the summer break. Activities included laser-tag, fire-lighting and air-rifle target practice.

Scouts: range of activities. 5 Scouts attended "The Outdoor Experience" camp at Crawfordsburn with 300 other scouts and guides.

Section E	Financial Review
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	<p><b>Reserves Policy</b></p> <p>The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short.</p>
Quantify and explain any designations	
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	
Further financial review details (optional information)	
<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);</li> <li>how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;</li> <li>investment policy and objectives</li> </ul>	<p><b>Investment Policy</b></p> <p>The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.</p>

Section F	Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

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**Section G**

**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

S. McCaffrey	
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Full name(s)

STEPHEN MCCAFFREY	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

CHAIR	
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