

# South East Antrim District Scout Council

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103731

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2015-08-26

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** Promoting the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education, The advancement of citizenship or community development

**How the charity works:** Cross-border/cross-community, Cultural, Education/training, Sport/recreation, Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds), Preschool (0-5 year olds), Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£40,419	£34,590	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Ron Cole		
Kathryn Edwards		
Lee Walker		
Miss Emili Irvine		
Miss Nikita Cross		
Mr Alan Hamilton		
Mr David McClure		
Mr Gary Grange		
Mr Joshua Irvine		
Mrs Anne Nicholson		
Mrs Carmen Irvine		
Mrs Linda Cross		
Mrs Tracy Hannaway		
Rev David Lockhart		

**South East Antrim District Scout Council**

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# Accounts

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2024	To	Period end date	31/03/2025
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership Subscriptions	28,824	-	-	35,752	35,752
Badges and Scarves	102	-	-	121	121
Count Closure Fund Transfer	11,303	-	-	11,303	-
Tribute to Count Commsiobier	140	-	-	140	-
Carity Donation	50	-	-	50	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)	<b>40,419</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,366</b>	<b>35,873</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>40,419</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,366</b>	<b>35,873</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Capitation H Q.	33,110	-	-	33,110	32,376
St George's Day Bands	200	-	-	200	-
Stv G's Church Donation	50	-	-	50	-
Insurance	52	-	-	52	52
Bank Charges	78	-	-	78	70
County Commissioners Tribute	250	-	-	250	60
Course fee	50	-	-	50	-
Conference Costs	800	-	-	800	83
Badges & Scarves	-	-	-	-	554
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>34,590</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,590</b>	<b>33,195</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>34,590</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,590</b>	<b>33,195</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>5,829</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,829</b>	<b>2,738</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>11,417</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,417</b>	<b>8,679</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>17,246</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,246</b>	<b>11,417</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		17,246	-	-	17,246	11,417
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>17,246</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,246</b>	<b>11,417</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>				<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
		<b>Total</b>			<b>-</b>

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



Allister Law  
Treasurer

27th May 2025



David Lockhart  
Chair

27th May 2025

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# Accounts

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		31/03/2024

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<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership Subscriptions	35,752	-	-	35,752	31,639
Badges and Scarves	121	-	-	121	387
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)	<b>35,873</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,873</b>	<b>32,026</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>35,873</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,873</b>	<b>32,026</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Capitation H Q.	32,376	-	-	32,376	30,672
Badges and Scarves	554	-	-	554	-
Travel Expenses	83	-	-	83	-
Sundry Expenses	-	-	-	-	42
Insurance	52	-	-	52	-
Bank Charges	70	-	-	70	60
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>33,135</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,135</b>	<b>30,774</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>33,135</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,135</b>	<b>30,774</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,738</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,738</b>	<b>1,252</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>7,427</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,427</b>	<b>7,427</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>10,165</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,165</b>	<b>8,679</b>



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# Annual report

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## ANNUAL REPORT

**For the Period:** 1<sup>st</sup> April 23 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**Charity Name:** South East Antrim District Scout Council

**Registered Charity Number:** NIC103731

### **Governing Document:**

The District'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.

### **Constitution:**

The District is a Trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

### **Trustee selection Methods:**

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

### **Trustees:**

Mr. Allister Law	Dr. Ron Cole	Mrs Kathryn Edwards, Mrs Carmen Irvine
Mrs. Linda Cross	Mr. Geoffrey Hegarty	Mrs Linda Cherry Mr Lee Walker
Rev. David Lockhart	Miss Emilie Irvine	Mr Taylor Black

### **Risk and Internal Control:**

The District Executive ensures that all activities are undertaken in accordance with the Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules.

All leaders are members of the Scout Association and as such have a valid AccessNI check and are covered by the Scout Association national accident insurance policy.

Risk assessments are undertaken for all activities.

### **Objectives:**

The objectives of the District are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The Aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of the young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

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- Learn by doing.
- Share in spiritual reflection.
- Take responsibility and make choices.
- Undertake new and challenging activities.
- Make and live by their promise.

The District meets the Charity Commission’s public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizen or community development headings.

#### **South East Antrim Scout Council - 2023 to 2024:**

In 2022/23, after consultation with all involved in Scouting in Northern Ireland it was agreed by the Northern Ireland Scout Council that there should be a restructuring of the County and District Structure for Scouting.

The results from the consultation will result in formation of 4 Northern Ireland Regions to replace the Scout Counties in September 2024.

South East Antrim District is presently part of County Antrim but will become part of the Northern Region within Northern Ireland Scouting.

During the 2023/24 year the District partnered with County Antrim Scouts and the Northern Ireland Scout Council providing adult and youth resources.

There are sixteen Scout Groups in the South East Antrim Scout District with a total of 162 leaders providing a scouting programme for 854 young people.

<b>Squirrels</b>	<b>Beavers</b>	<b>Cubs</b>	<b>Scouts</b>	<b>Explorer Scouts</b>	<b>Network Scouts</b>	<b>Total Youth Memberships</b>	<b>Leader</b>
118	210	245	209	70	2	854	162

These numbers show that there has been a positive growth of 12% across the District when compared to pre-pandemic levels.

#### **The Programme:**

All age groups within Scouting joined together in age appropriate activities.

These included the District Carol Service and the District St Georges day Parade.

#### ***Squirrels (4-6 years of age)***

The Squirrel programme for 2023/24 was centered on the individual Dreys with the Districts supporting the leaders with their programme development and individual training requirements.

#### ***Beavers (6-8 years of age)***

May 2023 saw the first District beaver sleepover from before covid with 40 Beaver Scouts enjoying a fun filled day at Crawfordsburn.

The weather was perfect, the day was filled with games and activities in the outdoors, new friends were made as all the groups socialised together. We then spent the night under canvas after songs and smores round the campfire.

A lot of exhausted Beavers went home on Saturday having made new friends after a fun filled weekend. In November 30 young people enjoyed an evening of tenpin at the Glengormley Sportsbowl and in December the Beavers joined with all the scouts of the District for the Carol Service.

### ***Cubs (8-10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years of age)***

The Cub Scouts came together for a wide range of activities:

Sports Day.

An Airsoft Competition.

The Northern Ireland Cub Quiz.

The Northern Ireland Uni-hoc competition

These activities enabled the young people to join together, to make new friends and take part in a range of activities not readily available on the weekly Pack meetings.

### ***Scouts (10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> - 14 years of age)***

The Scouts of the District came together for activities that included the District Football, District Uni-hoc, District First Aid competition and quiz.

### ***Explorer Scouts (14-18 years of age)***

During the year the District Explorer Scouts from the various Units joined together for a District camp in October, the District Explorer Quiz in December and Northern Ireland Youth Shaped Programme.

### ***Network Scouts (18-25 years of age)***

Members of the Network were joined by some leaders and were involved with the celebration of King Charles 3 Coronation.

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### **Adult Support (Leader Training):**

Training is a fundamental part of being a leader and everyone is expected to complete training and have it validated within a three year period.

The training equips the leader with essential skills and provides the necessary knowledge to provide a challenging and safe programme.

Leaders continued to undertake training to enhance the quality of the programmes undertaken by the young people.

Over recent years the Scout Association has transferring a significant amount of training to Computer Based Learning.

Safeguarding, Safety and First Aid Training for leaders are key areas of training that have to be regularly reviewed and renewed.

The District was able to support the leaders who were required to undertake this training and with this support the District can record that virtually all the necessary training has been completed.

### **Financial Review:**

The District is funded by the fees received from each of its youth members.

The District still holds sufficient funds to ensure future advancement, strengthening and expansion of scouting in South East Antrim but does not hold sufficient funds to invest in longer-term financial investments and so all funds are held in normal accounts using mainstream banks.

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees

Rev. David Lockhart (Chair of Trustees)
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Full Name	Rev David Lockhart
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Signature	
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Date: ... 3/10/24

**South East Antrim District Scout Council**

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# Annual return

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINED REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF  
SOUTH EAST ANTRIM DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts of the above Charity organisation for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024- which are set out in the attached document.

**Respective Responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act; follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

I have examined your charity accounts as specified and required under the aforementioned Directions determined by the Charity Commission.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

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SIGNATURE:	<i>T Weir</i>
ADDRESS:	73 Carrickmannon Road
	Ballygowan
	Newtownards
	BT23 6JJ
DATE:	3 / 5 / 24

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# Accounts

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023	
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Member Subscriptions	31,639	-	-	31,639	27,144
Badges and Scarves	387	-	-	387	150
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)	<b>32,026</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,026</b>	<b>27,294</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>32,026</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,026</b>	<b>27,294</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Capitation H.Q.	30,672	-	-	30,672	27,010
County Levy		-	-	-	766
Badges and Scarves		-	-	-	1,272
Charity Donation		-	-	-	
Secretary Expenses	-	-	-	-	
Sundry Expenses	42	-	-	42	-
Retirement Gifts		-	-	-	
Bank Charges	60	-	-	60	72
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>30,774</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,774</b>	<b>29,120</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>30,774</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,774</b>	<b>29,120</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,252</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,252</b>	<b>- 1,826</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,427	-	-	7,427	9,253
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>8,679</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,679</b>	<b>7,427</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		8,679	-	-	8,679	7,427
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>8,679</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,679</b>	<b>7,427</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK


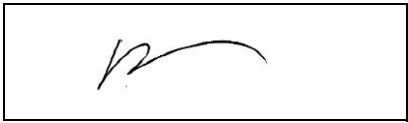
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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	<b>Total</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Allister Law Treasurer	30th May 2023
	David Lockhart Chair	30th May 2023

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# Annual report

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Mr Taylor Black			

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### **South East Antrim Scout Council - 2022 to 2023:**

Sixteen Scout Groups make up South East Antrim Scout District.

The District partners County Antrim Scouts and the Northern Ireland Scout Council providing adult and youth resources.

The year 2022-23 saw the complete removal of the Covid-19 restrictions so that the full Scouting programme could return.

The District programme supports and enhances the Group programmes.

This was not without its challenges as the Covid 19 restrictions had left a legacy within the adult training programme for leaders of the District that had to be resolved.

### **District Numbers:**

2022/23 saw the District membership return to the pre-covid level but some Groups still experienced difficulty recruiting leaders.

### **Awards:**

Not with-standing the legacy of the covid lockdown leaders continued to pursue their training to enhance their leadership role and a number of leaders completed their training and were awarded their "Woodbadges", and the young people continued to achieve success with their progressive training awards, including the Queen Scout Award.

Seven leaders received awards for service to Scouting, Alister Law, "The Silver Wolf", for most exceptional service, Anne Nicholson and David Holmes, "The Silver Acorn", for distinguished service, Carmen Irvine, Gary Grange & Chris Cully, Award of Merit, for conscientious and dedicated and Linda Cherry, The Chief Scouts Commendation for Service.

These awards were in addition to those received awards for long service.

### **The Programme:**

As previously indicated there was a gradual return to "normal" Scouting. There were still some concerns related to Covid-19 infection and although the Groups moved from "Distanced" programmes to "Face to Face" programmes, the return to "Face to Face" District activities was much slower, especially as the major relaxation in restrictions occurred during the winter period.

The District Leadership team met to consider the District programme and to plan the way forward. The District Commissioner met with the Group Scout Leaders to plan the District programme and assess the ways in which the District Team could assist the Groups.

The fruits of these meetings will be seen in the District and Group activities in the coming years.

There was however a slow return to District youth activities with the first ever Squirrel Scout event, a visit to W5 in Belfast.

Beaver Scouts once again had an active District programme with, the annual Bowling competition, the District Quiz and a visit to Forest Fitness in Carrickfergus.

For the Cub Scouts there was the introduction of the TAG Rugby competition which proved very popular and a return of annual District Hike in Woodburn Forest and the Annual Bowling.

The District Scouts saw the return of the District Archery completion and the popular the Scouts Mechanics Badge course.

The Explorer Scouting programme got under way with the launch of the district Explorer Scouts participating in the County Antrim Youth Forum. This allowed the young people to share their ideas and support Group Explorer activities.

There was a District Christmas quiz and Young Leader training allowing the young people to gain expertise for the future.

Scout Network had not been active for a number of years and this year saw its relaunch event with planning for future activities for the year.

Overall this was a positive year for South East Antrim District Scouting with a return to pre-covid numbers, a return to a well supported District programme and a number of very positive Leaders planning meetings.

### **Adult Support (Leader Training):**

Training is a fundamental part of being a leader and everyone is expected to complete training and have it validated within a three year period.

The training equips the leader with essential skills and provides the necessary knowledge to provide a challenging and safe programme.

Leaders continued to undertake training to enhance the quality of the programmes undertaken by the young people.

Over recent years the Scout Association has transferring a significant amount of training to Computer Based Learning.

Safeguarding, Safety and First Aid Training for leaders are key areas of training that have to be regularly reviewed and renewed.

The covid-19 lockdown meant there was difficulty with elements of training that required face to face contact with the trainer. This was especially the case with "First Aid" training.

The District was able to support the leaders who were required to undertake this training and with this support the District can record that virtually all the necessary training has been completed.

**Financial Review:**

The District is funded by the fees received from each of its youth members.

The District still holds sufficient funds to ensure future advancement, strengthening and expansion of scouting in South East Antrim but does not hold sufficient funds to invest in longer-term financial investments and so all funds are held in normal accounts using mainstream banks.

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees

South East Antrim District Secretary
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<b>Full Name</b>	Ronald Frederick James Cole
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<b>Signature</b>	
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Date: ...7<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**South East Antrim District Scout Council**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103731

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# Annual return

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF SOUTH EAST ANTRIM DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts of the above Charity organisation for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 which are set out in the attached document.

Respective Responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act; follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

I have examined your charity accounts as specified and required under the aforementioned Directions determined by the Charity Commission.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

<b>NAME:</b>	MR T WEIR
<b>Signature:</b>	J Roman Weir
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	73 CAERIFFMANNON ROAD, BALLYGOWAN, NEW TOWNARDS
<b>DATE:</b>	24/5/23

  
Rev D. Lockhart

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