



ANNUAL REPORT

For the Period: 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

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:

Rev. David Lockhart	Mr. Allister Law	Dr. Ron Cole	Mrs Kathryn Edwards,
Mrs Carmen Irvine	Mr David McClure	Mrs. Linda Cross	Joshua Irvine
Anne Nicholson	Mr Lee Walker	Mr Gary Grange	Tracey Hannaway
Miss Emilie Irvine			

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.

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together on the values of Scouting and:

- Enjoy what they are doing and have fun.
- Take part in activities indoors and outdoors.
- 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 - 2024 to 2025:

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.

This consultation resulted in formation of 4 Northern Ireland Regions to replace the Scout Counties in September 2024 with South East Antrim District become part of the Northern Region within Northern Ireland Scouting.

There are sixteen Scout Groups in the South East Antrim Scout District with a total of 198 leaders providing a scouting programme for 777 young people.

Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs Scouts	Scouts	Explorer Scouts	Network Scouts	Total Youth Memberships	Leader
111	193	220	166	80	7	777	198

The Programme:

The young people of South East Antrim District Scouts:

Squirrels (4-6 years of age).

Beavers (6-8 years of age).

Cubs (8-10¹/₂ years of age).

Scouts (10¹/₂ - 14 years of age).

Explorer Scouts (14-18 years of age) &, Network Scouts (18-25 years of age) joined together for age appropriate activities.

The younger age groups enjoyed activities such as "jump, jiggle & jive", craft and games evenings.

All age groups enjoyed the District Quizes and met together for the District Carol Service and District St. Georges Day Celebration

In addition to their "age appropriate activities" the Explorer Scouts and Network Scouts supported the leaders of the District by helping to organise the activities for the other "scouting" age groups.

Youth lead

The District Youth Lead along with Network Scouts attended the UK Youth Forum held in Parliament Buildings, Stormont. The participants contributed to the future of Scouts UK which aims to facilitate younger members to take part and have their voice heard.

District Adviser (Duke of Edinburghs Award)

Three Explorer Units have units have started to work towards their awards, with expeditions planned for the summer months.

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.

In September 2024 the Scout Association introduced a new "Digital System" which provided enhanced computer based training resources.

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

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

Although many training activities can now be undertaken "On Line", "First Aid training" remains to be undertaken with face to face classes and the District was able to provide the essential training to the leaders in the District.

Financial Review:

The District is funded by the fees received from each of its youth members with additional funds from the distribution of the funds held by County Antrim Scout Council on its closure in September 2024.

The District 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

Full Name	David Lockhart
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Date: ...6th November 2025