

Slemish District Scout Council

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103737

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-08-26
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: Promoting the development of 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.

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

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

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£72,217	£79,727	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Mcconkey		
Miss Emma Weir		
Mr Alex Chestnutt		
Mr Bill Mccullough		
Mr Declan Larkin		
Mr Eugene Neeson		
Mr Leslie Carswell		
Mr Michael Balmer		
Mr Steven Millar		
Mrs Angela Sims		
Mrs Sandra Lorimer		

Slemish District Scout Council

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Accounts

Receipts and payments account

For the period from	31 3 2024	To	31 3 2025	
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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 £
Receipts					
Members' subscriptions	31,312	-	-	31,312	22,088
Members' subscriptions rebate	329	-	-	329	311
Charitable activities		24,635	-	24,635	36,719
Fund raising activities		-	-	-	-
Grants		7,100	-	7,100	2,385
Dividend on investments		-	-	-	-
Raised for other charities		-	-	-	-
Other charitable receipts	113	-	-	113	88
County Scouts	8,729	-	-	8,729	-
Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	40,482	31,735	-	72,217	61,590
Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Proceeds form sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	40,482	31,735	-	72,217	61,590
Payments					
Members' subscriptions - County and H Q.	28,724		-	28,724	25,004
Cost of fund raising events			-	-	-
Charitable activity costs		45,662	-	45,662	24,244
Training	785		-	785	1,062
Insurance	393		-	393	324
Grants and donations paid out	3,030		-	3,030	-
District badges	953		-	953	-
Governance costs			-	-	-
Other costs	181		-	181	24
			-	-	-
Sub total	34,066	45,662	-	79,727 #	50,658
Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of assets	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	34,066	45,662	-	79,727 #	50,658
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,416	(13,927)	-	(7,511)	10,932
Transfers between funds			-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	(950)	21,886	-	20,937	10,004
Cash funds this year end	5,466	7,960	-	13,426	20,937

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
Details		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Cash funds	Ulster Bank Ltd Current account	5,466	7,960	-	13,426	20,937
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,466	7,960	-	13,426	20,937

Details		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Other monetary assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
Total				-	-	

Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
Investment assets	Evelyn Partners	General	-	83,850	81,218
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
Total			-	83,850	81,218

Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
Assets retained for the charity's own use	Badges	General	-	962	125
	Kayaks/Canoes etc.	General	-	900	1,000
	Tents	General	-	676	1,165
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
Total			-	2,538	2,290

Details		Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
Liabilities	-			-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
Total				-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		A A Chestnutt	30/04/2025



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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Cash funds	Ulster Bank Ltd	20,937	-	-	20,937	10,004
	Current Account	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	20,937	-	-	20,937	10,004

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Other monetary assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
			()	()	
Investment assets	Evelyn Partners	General	-	81,218	76,815
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	81,218	76,815

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
			()	()	
Assets retained for the charity's own use	Badges	General	-	125	213
	Waterproof jackets	General	-	-	40
	Kayaks/Canoes etc.	General	-	1,000	4,319
	Tents	General	-	1,165	1,654
			-	-	-
	Total		-	2,290	6,226

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
			()	()	
Liabilities	-			-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Total			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the		Print Name	Date of approval
		A A Chestnutt	27 May 2024

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Annual report

How the charity is constituted
(e.g. trust, association, company)

The District 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 District is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout District 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 Board consists of 2 independent representatives, Chair and Treasurer, along with nominated, elected, ex-officio, and co-opted (if co-opted to take on the responsibility) and others with required skills / knowledge, and meets every four months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete the '*Trustee Training*' module within the first 5 months of joining the Board.

This District Trustee Board exists to support the Groups in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:
The maintenance of District property;
The raising of funds and the administration of District finance;
The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
District public occasions;
Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
Appointing District Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Section B Structure, governance and management (continued)

Risk and Internal Control

The District Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the District is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The District

would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The District has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The District through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Additional accident insurance is provided at District level for Occasional Helpers not covered by the Scout Association policy.

Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The District is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The District does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The District is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section Group or the District as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group in the District.

Reduction or loss of members. Groups provide activities for all young people aged 4 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Risk and Internal Control

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all cheques and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

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 in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based 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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

There are 12 Groups within Slemish District with a total membership of 865 including 666 members are under 18. This represents a 7% increase on last year following the severe dip caused by Covid 19 in 2021. Part of that increase was due to the establishment of the Squirrel Section into Scouting for 4-6 year olds and strong growth in the Cub section. Each of the 12 Groups within the District were very active, and many young people were able to gain the top awards across the Sections

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.

The District supported Groups in the development of leaders to facilitate programmes for the development of their members by funding all training costs.

Public benefit statement

The District 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

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

Further financial review details (optional information)

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

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives

The District Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances, interest rates received and returns from investments to ensure the District obtains maximum value and income from its investment arrangements.

Section F	Other Optional Information
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Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

Section G	Declaration
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)								
Full name(s)	Steven Millar	Leslie Carswell						
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	District Commissioner	Deputy District Commissioner						
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Slemish District Scout Council

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Annual return

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Slemish District Scout
Council
Charity Registration No. 103737**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on 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
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

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.

Frank Coulter

Name: Francis Coulter
Address: 4 Braeside Gardens, Antrim BT41 1HB
Date: 27 May 2024

Slemish District Scout Council

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Accounts

Charity Name	Charity No.
Slemish District Scout Council	103737

Receipts and payments account

For the period from	31 3 2022	To	31 3 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 £
A1 Receipts					
	-	-	-	-	-
Members' subscriptions	22,578	-	-	22,578	18,798
Members' subscriptions rebate	271	-	-	271	241
Charitable activities	2,955	-	-	2,955	3,315
Fund raising activities	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	1,200	-	1,200	8,500
Dividend on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Raised for other charities	-	-	-	-	-
Other charitable receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	25,804	1,200	-	27,004	30,854
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
Proceeds form sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25,804	1,200	-	27,004	30,854
A3 Payments					
Members' subscriptions - County and H Q.	22,392	-	-	22,392	19,512
Cost of fund raising events	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activity costs	3,039	1,200	-	4,239	11,088
Training	415	-	-	415	-
Insurance	262	-	-	262	225
Grants and donations paid out	3,499	-	-	3,499	-
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-
Other costs	120	-	-	120	-
A3 Sub total	29,727	1,200	-	30,927	30,825
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of assets	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	29,727	1,200	-	30,927	30,825
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,923	-	-	- 3,923	29
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year ended	13,927	-	-	13,927	13,898
Cash funds this year ended	10,004	-	-	10,004	13,927

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	Current account	10,004	-	-	10,004	13,927
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,004	-	-	10,004	13,927

h receipts and payments account(s))

	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		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets	Cunningham Coates Investment portfolio	General	-	76,815	80,424
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	76,815	80,424

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Waterproof jackets	General	-	213	80
	Badges	General	-	40	105
	Kayaks/Canoes etc.	General	-	4,319	4,546
	Tents	General	-	1,654	2,143
			-	-	-
	Total		-	6,226	6,874

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Total			-	-

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

Signature



Print Name

A A Chestnutt

Date of approval

15-Apr-23

Slemish District Scout Council

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Annual report

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The District'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

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Section C	Objectives and activities
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- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Slemish District has 13 Groups within the District with a total membership of 764 including 542 members are under 18. This represents a 7% increase on last year following the severe dip caused by Covid 19. While there was a limited District programme of activities and events due further waves of Covid 19 in Spring and Autumn 2021, Scouting began returning to normality with 'face to face' Scouting. Each of the Groups within the District were active within the restrictions placed on them, and many young people were able to gain the top awards across the Sections

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;
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The District supported Groups in the development of leaders to facilitate programmes for the development of their members by funding all training costs.

Public benefit statement

The District 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

The 12 months in this reporting period have continued to be challenging for everyone. All Groups resumed 'face to face' Scouting in the Spring / Summer of 2021, but many had to stop again due to the lockdowns and further waves of Covid 19 in the Autumn and Winter. In addition, ongoing financial pressures at Group level, and some adult Leaders not returning have added to the challenge. The District and most of the Groups in it availed of the very generous financial support made available from the Education Authority to 'kick start' youth programmes by purchasing equipment, holding summer camps, and organising activity days or other events for members. Many of these took place at Crawfordsburn Scout Centre and Brackenhill Activity Centre. At District level, a very successful and enjoyable canoe expedition through the Great Glen in Scotland was attended by 21 Explorers and a team of adult leaders in August. Four young people from the District have been selected to represent Scouts NI at the 2023 World Jamboree in South Korea, along with 6 adult leaders who will also attend as part of the International Service Team. The Squirrel Section officially join the Scout Association in September 2021, and there are 4 thriving Drey's enjoying exciting and fun programmes within Slemish District.

Section E

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short or there would be an unexpected financial demand. Work is ongoing to identify needs and utilise restricted funds in the spirit of which they were originally donated.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

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Further financial review details (optional information)

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The District Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances, interest rates received and returns from investments to ensure the District obtains maximum value and income from its investment arrangements.

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)

<i>Steven Millar</i>	<i>L Carswell</i>
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Full name(s)

Steven Millar	Leslie Carswell
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

District Commissioner	Deputy District Commissioner
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Date

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Slemish District Scout Council

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103737

Annual return

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Charity Registration No. 103737**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on 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
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

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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Date 24 April 2023