

# 1st Cloughfern Scout Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103760

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2015-08-18

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

## Contact

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**Address** 19 Abbeyhill Road  
Newtownabbey  
County Antrim  
Bt37 0ye  
BT37 0YE

**Phone** 02890862581

## Activities

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**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:** Community development, Cross-border/cross-community, Cultural, Sport/recreation, Youth development

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

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£2,986	£4,933	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Mr David Garland		
Mrs Corrina Cully		
Mrs Jane Mackey		
Mrs Linda Cherry		

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# Accounts

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# 1st Cloughfern Scout Troop Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	1st Apr 2024	To	31st March 2025
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## Receipts and payments

	2024/2025 Unrestricted funds £	2023/2024 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>		
Membership subscriptions	3180.00	3495.00
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-1892.00	-2282.50
Net membership subscriptions retained	1288.00	1212.50
Leader Training	0.00	0.00
Camp Fees	0.00	0.00
Gift Aid	0.00	0.00
Other similar income	33.62	22.23
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1321.62</b>	<b>1234.73</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
Education Authority	1200.00	2385.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1200.00</b>	<b>2385.00</b>
<b>Fundraising (gross)</b>		
General Fundraising	464.00	462.00
Bag Pack - Iceland	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>464.00</b>	<b>462.00</b>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank Interest & Charges	0.00	0.00
Building Society interest	0.00	0.00
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0.00	0.00
Property Rent income	0.00	0.00
Other investment income	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>2985.62</b>	<b>4081.73</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>2985.62</b>	<b>4081.73</b>

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## Receipts and payments

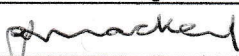

	2024/2025 Unrestricted funds £	2023/2024 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Charitable Payments</b>		
Youth programme and activities	1003.30	872.85
Adult support and training	0.00	0.00
Camp	1720.07	281.52
Craft Materials & Equipment	149.09	103.30
Donations -	0.00	0.00
Kanderstag	0.00	99.81
Uniforms/Badges	284.62	306.38
Outings	0.00	0.00
Aunt Sandras, Bowling, Panto, Go Fly Kite	975.90	1331.50
Insurance	0.00	0.00
Sustentation	800.00	300.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4932.98</b>	<b>3295.36</b>
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>4932.98</b>	<b>3295.36</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>4932.98</b>	<b>3295.36</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>-1947.36</b>	<b>786.37</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	7478.06	6691.69
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>5530.70</b>	<b>7478.06</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2025	31st March 2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank deposit account	5094.47	6521.20
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0.00	0.00
Cash/Floats	436.23	956.86
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>5530.70</b>	<b>7478.06</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Tax claim	0.00	0.00
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	0.00	0.00
Insurance claim	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>		
Investment property - detail	0.00	0.00
Quoted investments	0.00	0.00
Other investments - detail	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>		
Badge stock	0.00	0.00
Shop stock	0.00	0.00
Other stock	0.00	0.00
Land and buildings	0.00	0.00
Motor vehicles	0.00	0.00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
	0.00	0.00
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	391.08	0.00
Subscriptions not yet paid	0.00	0.00
Loan - detail	0.00	0.00
Other liabilities	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>391.08</b>	<b>0.00</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 22/01/2026 and signed on their behalf by

Signature

 
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Print Name

Jane Mackey
Linda Cherry

**1st Cloughfern Scout Group**

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# Accounts

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# 1st Cloughfern Scout Troop Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	1st Apr 2023	To	31st March 2024
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## Receipts and payments

	2023/2024 Unrestricted funds £	2022/2023 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>		
Membership subscriptions	3495.00	3440.00
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-2282.50	-2050.00
Net membership subscriptions retained	1212.50	1390.00
Leader Training	0.00	0.00
Camp Fees	0.00	0.00
Gift Aid	0.00	432.02
Other similar income	22.23	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1234.73</b>	<b>1822.02</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
Education Authority	2385.00	1600.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2385.00</b>	<b>1600.00</b>
<b>Fundraising (gross)</b>		
General Fundraising	462.00	320.00
Bag Pack - Iceland	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>462.00</b>	<b>320.00</b>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank Interest & Charges	0.00	20.73
Building Society interest	0.00	0.00
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0.00	0.00
Property Rent income	0.00	0.00
Other investment income	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>20.73</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>4081.73</b>	<b>3762.75</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>4081.73</b>	<b>3762.75</b>

# 1st Cloughfern Scout Troop Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	1st April 2023	To	31st March 2024
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## Receipts and payments

	2023/2024 Unrestricted funds £	2022/2023 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Charitable Payments</b>		
Youth programme and activities	872.85	445.48
Adult support and training	0.00	0.00
Camp	281.52	2186.82
Craft Materials & Equipment	103.30	204.48
Donations -	0.00	0.00
Kanderstag	99.81	60.00
Uniforms/Badges	306.38	231.72
Outings	0.00	0.00
Aunt Sandras, Bowling, Panto, Go Fly Kite	1331.50	641.00
Insurance	0.00	0.00
Sustentation	300.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3295.36</b>	<b>3769.50</b>
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>3295.36</b>	<b>3769.50</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>3295.36</b>	<b>3769.50</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>786.37</b>	<b>-6.75</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>6691.69</b>	<b>8206.78</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>7478.06</b>	<b>8200.03</b>

# Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2024	31st March 2023
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank deposit account	6521.20	5703.59
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0.00	0.00
Cash/Floats	956.86	988.10
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>7478.06</b>	<b>6691.69</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Tax claim	0.00	0.00
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	0.00	0.00
Insurance claim	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>		
Investment property - detail	0.00	0.00
Quoted investments	0.00	0.00
Other investments - detail	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>		
Badge stock	0.00	0.00
Shop stock	0.00	0.00
Other stock	0.00	0.00
Land and buildings	0.00	0.00
Motor vehicles	0.00	0.00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
	0.00	0.00
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	391.08	0.00
Subscriptions not yet paid	0.00	0.00
Loan - detail	0.00	0.00
Other liabilities	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>391.08</b>	<b>0.00</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 19/12/24 and signed on their behalf by

Signature

CORRINA CUNNY
L Cherry

Print Name

Linda Cherry
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**1st Cloughfern Scout Group**

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# Annual report

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# Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) 

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 to end date 

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**Section A Reference and administration details**

Charity name 

1st Cloughfern Scout Group
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Other names the charity is known by 

N/A
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Registered charity number (if any) 

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HQ registration number 

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Charity's principal address 

19 Abbeyhill Road							
Newtownabbey							
Co. Antrim							
Postcode	B	T	3	7	0	Y	E

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Linda Cherry	BSL	
2	Jane Mackey	ACSL	
3	David Garland	ACSL	
4	Corrina Cully	ABSL	
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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:

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 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.

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility).

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)****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.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<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:  - 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.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	All three sections participated in a balanced programme throughout the year and took part in District, County and NI events.
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	<p><b>Beavers</b> - We held our annual Sleepover at the end April 2023 at Lorne Guide Centre and completed a number of outdoor activities which counted towards the Outdoor and Adventure Challenge Awards. Before we finished at end of May we were able to award 4 Chief Scout's Bronze Awards. Resuming in September 2023 we held a nature walk for the Explore badge and also completed the Teamwork Challenge and Health and Fitness badge. In October we held a Halloween party with the Cubs and in November we had a visit from Kidz farm and completed the Faith badge and Experiment badge. December saw our Christmas party and our usual visit to the Panto. In January the PSNI helped us with the Safety badge, we learned about Chinese New Year and worked on more Challenge Awards before the Easter break.</p> <p><b>Cubs</b> - The Cub scouts over the year 2023 to 2024 have carried out work on a number of badges, we also had a night hike at Hazelbank and a sleep over which followed a trip to Belfast Zoo. The Cubs all have had a great time and worked hard on badges as well as having lots of fun.</p> <p><b>Scouts</b> - This year, our Scout Group delivered a diverse and engaging programme that supported young people in achieving various badges across The Scout Association's activity and challenge framework, including skills-based, outdoor, and community-focused awards. Highlights of the year included participating in exciting camps held in Newcastle, Bangor, and Belfast, where young people developed teamwork, resilience, and independence. These experiences provided opportunities for personal growth, new friendships, and the chance to live out the core Scouting values of adventure, inclusivity, and community engagement.</p>

**Section E Financial Review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on **Reserves Policy**  
 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. The Group Executive Committee review funds on a regular basis to ensure the Group can continue to operate and meet its objectives.

Quantify and explain any designations

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

**Investment Policy**  
 The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

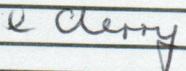
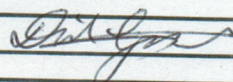
**Section F Other Optional Information**

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

**Section G Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Linda Cherry (BSL)	David Garland
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	1 9 1 2 2 4	

**1st Cloughfern Scout Group**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103760

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# Annual return

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**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of 1<sup>st</sup> Cloughfern Scout Troop.**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, which are set out on page 1 to 3.

**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.

Name: Heather Lowry

Signature

Heather Lowry

Address:

13 Fernside Avenue  
Newtownabbey

Date:

BT36 5AL  
23/12/24

**1st Cloughfern Scout Group**

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# Accounts

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# 1st Cloughfern Scout Troop Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

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## Receipts and payments

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<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>		
Membership subscriptions	3440.00	2815.00
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-2050.00	-2449.00
Net membership subscriptions retained	1390.00	366.00
Leader Training	0.00	0.00
Camp Fees	0.00	0.00
Gift Aid	432.02	0.00
Other similar income	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1822.02</b>	<b>366.00</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
Education Authority	1600.00	8600.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1600.00</b>	<b>8600.00</b>
<b>Fundraising (gross)</b>		
General Fundraising	320.00	0.00
Bag Pack - Iceland	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>320.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank Interest & Charges	20.73	26.15
Building Society interest	0.00	0.00
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0.00	0.00
Property Rent income	0.00	0.00
Other investment income	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>20.73</b>	<b>26.15</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>3762.75</b>	<b>8992.15</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>3762.75</b>	<b>8992.15</b>

# 1st Cloughfern Scout Troop Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	1st April 2022	To	31st March 2023
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## Receipts and payments

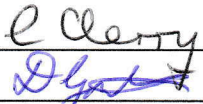
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Adult support and training	0.00	77.00
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Donations -	0.00	20.00
Kanderstag	60.00	3303.01
Uniforms/Badges	231.72	116.50
Outings	0.00	0.00
Aunt Sandras, Bowling, Panto, Go Fly Kite	641.00	154.00
Insurance	0.00	76.00
Sustentation	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3769.50</b>	<b>9860.49</b>
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>3769.50</b>	<b>9860.49</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>3769.50</b>	<b>9860.49</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>-6.75</b>	<b>-868.34</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	7338.44	8206.78
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>7331.69</b>	<b>7338.44</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2023	31st March 2022
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank deposit account	5703.59	6209.39
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0.00	0.00
Cash/Floats	988.10	1129.05
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>6691.69</b>	<b>7338.44</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Tax claim	0.00	0.00
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	0.00	0.00
Insurance claim	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>		
Investment property - detail	0.00	0.00
Quoted investments	0.00	0.00
Other investments - detail	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>		
Badge stock	0.00	0.00
Shop stock	0.00	0.00
Other stock	0.00	0.00
Land and buildings	0.00	0.00
Motor vehicles	0.00	0.00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
	0.00	0.00
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	391.08	0.00
Subscriptions not yet paid	0.00	0.00
Loan - detail	0.00	0.00
Other liabilities	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>391.08</b>	<b>0.00</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 18th ~~March~~ <sup>OCT</sup> 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Signature


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Print Name

LINDA CHERRY DAVID GARLAND
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**1st Cloughfern Scout Group**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103760

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# Annual report

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# Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) 

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 to end date 

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**Section A Reference and administration details**

Charity name 

1st Cloughfern Scout Group
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Other names the charity is known by 

N/A
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Registered charity number (if any) 

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HQ registration number 

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Charity's principal address 

19 Abbeyhill Road							
Newtownabbey							
Co. Antrim							
Postcode	B	T	3	7	0	Y	E

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Linda Cherry	BSL	
2	Jane Mackey	ACSL	
3	David Garland	ACSL	
4	Corrina Cully	ABSL	
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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:

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 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.

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility).

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)****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.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<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:  - 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.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	All three sections participated in a balanced programme throughout the year and took part in District, County and NI events.
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

**Beavers** - From April 2022 until we finished end May 2022 we held most meetings outside and carried out a nature walk and a scavenger hunt and learnt about The Green Cross Code. We did not hold a Sleepover this year but instead a Fun Day was held jointly with the Cubs when a variety of activities linked to badgework were carried out and we finished the event with a BBQ and a Campfire with sketches and songs. 6 Chief Scout Bronze awards were presented at the end of May 2022.

We resumed in September 2022 with 19 members and ran a full programme including visits from The Recycling Officer from Antrim and Newtownabbey Council and Aunt Sandra's Candy Factory. We completed 5 Activity badges and also finished 4 Challenge awards. We visited our local library in October for Halloween crafts and stories and also attended the pantomime in December. We also visited the Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey and received a tour of the Civic building.

**Cubs** - This year the Cubs have participated in a number of exciting activities. Making use of the good weather we honed out Backwoods cooking skills and made smores, built and flew our own kites, enjoyed evening walks in the local area before ending the year with a highly enjoyable Cowboy Fun Day with the Beavers. Activities included pioneering, orienteering, emergency aid, dance, a campfire and some games.

The next Scouting year kicked off with a few Cubs taking part in a tree planting initiative on the Cavehill on a wet Saturday afternoon. Personal challenge badges, the making and use of playdough to craft our solar system followed. Then a visit to the group from the recycling officer of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council.

Several Cubs then took part in a district night hike at Woodburn Dam. We had our annual Halloween party before breaking up for half term and reconvened for Remembrance Sunday.

The year was seen out with a visit from Aunt Sandra's sweet shop, a noisy drum circle and a district 10 pin bowling competition where the Cubs retained the trophy.

**Scouts** - This year the Scouts took part in a varied programme including numerous camps. We had two camps in Newcastle, both of these developed backwoods cooking, survival and pioneering skills. Numerous badges were obtained and many were working towards their Chief Scout Gold Award. They also participated in District and Northern Ireland events. Our Scouts made it to the final of the NI dodgeball competition.

**Section E Financial Review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on **Reserves Policy**  
 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. The Group Executive Committee review funds on a regular basis to ensure the Group can continue to operate and meet its objectives.

Quantify and explain any designations

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

**Investment Policy**  
 The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

**Section F Other Optional Information**

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

**Section G Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)  

Full name(s) Linda Cherry (BSL) Jane Mackey ACSL

Position (eg Secretary, Chair) Trustee Trustee

Date 18/10/23

**1st Cloughfern Scout Group**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103760

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# Annual return

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## Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of 1<sup>st</sup> Cloughfern Scout Troop.

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, which are set out on page 1 to 3.

### **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.

Name: HEATHER LOWRY

Relevant professional qualification or body if any: POST OFFICE MANAGER

Address: 13 FERNDALE AVE  
NEWTOWNABBAY  
BT36 5AL

Date: 18/10/23

