

5th Antrim(All Saints)Scout Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103768

Details

Known as	5th ANTRIM & EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT
Status	Received
Registered	2015-08-18
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: Cultural, Education/training, Religious activities, Sport/recreation, Volunteer development, Youth development

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£4,700	£4,005	£0	0
2025-03-31	£5,142	£7,568	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Claire Thompson		
Fiona Simpson		
Kristy Robinson		
Mr Raymond Mccune		
Mrs Amanda Jayne Mcclelland		
Mrs Emma Reid		
Mrs Stephanie Shaw		


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Accounts

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Cash funds	Current account	1,672	-	-	1,672	977
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,672	-	-	1,672	977
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Other monetary assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
				Total	-	-
			Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
Investment assets	-			-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
			Total	-	-	-
			Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
Assets retained for the charity's own use	Tents		General	-	1,520	1,260
	Defibulator and other equipment		General	-	5,406	5,950
	Badges and uniforms		General	-	450	973
	Arts and craft		General	-	200	30
			Total	-	7,576	8,213
			Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
Liabilities	None				-	-
			Total		-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Fiona Simpson		Print Name			Date of approval
						5-May-26

	5th Antrim (All Saints) Scout Group		Charity No	103768	
	Receipts and payments account				
	For the period from	31 3 2025	To	31 3 2026	Last year
	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					
Membership fees	1,420			1,420	2068
Contributions	1,070			1,070	
Events	258			258	126
Grants	1,400			1,400	1,400
Gift Aid	552			552	685
Charity collections	-			-	863
Miscellaneous	-			-	65
Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	4,700	-	-	4,700	5,207
Asset and investment sales					
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received		-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,700	-	-	4,700	5,207
Payments					
H Q Membership fees	1,672			1,672	1,591
Use of church hall	300			300	200
Badges and uniforms	295			295	755
Events	234			234	1,279
Insurance	220			220	159
Leader training	260			260	200
Administration	96			96	354
Charity donations	200			200	902
Miscellaneous	217			217	240
Sub total	3,495	-	-	3,495	5,680
Asset and investment					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	
Purchase of assets	510	-	-	510	2,328
Sub total	510	-	-	510	2,328
Total payments	4,005	-	-	4,005	8,008
Net of receipts/(payments)	695	-	-	695	(2,801)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	977			977	3,778
Cash funds this year end	1,672			1,672	977

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Receipts and payments account

For the period from	31 3 2024	To	31 3 2025	Last year
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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					
Membership fees	2,068			2,068	3,215
Camp and activity events	126			126	282
Grants	1,400			1,400	3,530
Gift Aid	685			685	549
Charity collection	863			863	
Miscellaneous				-	
Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	5,142	-	-	5,142	7,576
Asset and investment sales					
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received		-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,142	-	-	5,142	7,576
Payments					
H Q Membership fees	1,591			1,591	1,350
Use of church hall	200			200	200
Badges and uniforms	755			755	267
Camp and other activities	1,279			1,279	2,916
Insurance	159			159	209
Administration	354			354	217
Charity donations	902			902	200
Miscellaneous				-	148
Sub total	5,240	-	-	5,240	5,507
Asset and investment					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	
Purchase of assets	2,328	-	-	2,328	616
Sub total	2,328	-	-	2,328	616
Total payments	7,568	-	-	7,568	6,123
Net of receipts/(payments)	(2,426)	-	-	(2,426)	1,453
Transfers between funds				-	-
Cash funds last year end	3,778			3,788	2,335
Cash funds this year end	1,352	-	-	1,362	3,788

31 3 2025	31 3 2026	31 3 2027	31 3 2028	31 3 2029	31 3 2030	31 3 2031	31 3 2032	31 3 2033	31 3 2034
£	£	£	£	£	£	£			
1,260.00	1,050.00	840.00	630.00	420.00	210.00	-			
2,790.00	2,325.00	1,860.00	1,395.00	930.00	465.00	-			
278.27	185.52	92.76	-						
554.64	493.02	431.39	369.76	308.14	246.51	184.88	123.25	61.63	-
4,882.92	4,053.53	3,224.15	2,394.76	1,658.14	921.51	184.88	123.25	61.63	-

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Receipts and payments account

For the period from	01 04 2023	To	31 3 2024	Last year
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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					
Membership fees	3,205			3,205	2,527
Camp and activity events	282			282	225
Grants	3,530			3,530	1,600
Gift Aid	549			549	584
Charity collection				-	170
Miscellaneous				-	114
Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	7,565	-	-	7,565	5,220
Asset and investment sales					
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received		-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,565	-	-	7,565	5,220
Payments					
H Q membership fees	1,350			1,350	1,030
Use of church hall	200			200	200
Badges and uniforms	267			267	648
Camp and other activities	2,914			2,914	225
Insurance	209			209	218
Administration	217			217	162
Charity donations	200			200	170
Part of Grants returned				-	1,654
Miscellaneous	148			148	268
Sub total	5,506	-	-	5,506	4,575
Asset and investment					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of assets	616	-	-	616	464
Sub total	616	-	-	616	464
Total payments	6,123	-	-	6,123	5,039
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,443	-	-	1,443	181
Transfers between funds				-	-
Cash funds last year end	2,335			2,335	2,154
Cash funds this year end	3,778			3,778	2,335

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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 £
Cash funds	Current account	3,778	-	-	3,778	2,335
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,778	-	-	3,778	2,335

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

Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
	Tents	General	-	1,470	1,680
	Badge stock	General	-	459	400
	Other equipment	General	-	4,242	4,184
	Arts and Craft		-	200	
	Total		-	6,371	6,264

Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
	None			-	-
	Total			-	-

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Fiona Simpson

5th Antrim(All Saints)Scout Group

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Annual report

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 1st APRIL 2023 -31st MARCH 2024

Our organisation is based at:

All Saints Parish Centre, Railway St, Antrim, Co. Antrim, BT41 4AE

- **Our current charity trustees since 18th August 2015 are:**
 1. Kristy Melissa Robinson (Group Scout Leader)
 2. Venerable Dr Stephen Richard McBride (Assistant Group Scout Leader)
 3. Fiona Patricia Simpson (Group Treasurer)
 4. Amanda Jayne McClelland (Hon Sec) (since 1st May 2018)
 5. Raymond McCune (Chairman (since 2nd May 2023)
- **Our governing document is:**

The Royal Charter of the Scout Association 4th January 1912, as amended by supplemental charters dated 28/03/1949, 18/02/1959, 05/05/1967 and 19/07/1991
- **Purposes of our charity:** 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

• **Public and Private Benefit of our charity:**

❖ **THE TRUSTEES HAVE HAD REGARD TO THE CHARITY COMMISSION'S PUBLIC BENEFIT REQUIREMENT STATUTORY GUIDANCE**

1. The benefit which flows from our purpose is that young people are empowered to make a positive contribution to society through being engaged and supported in their personal development, including physically, intellectually, socially and spiritually.

2. This benefit is demonstrated through Scouting making a positive impact in our communities; preparing young people to be active citizens; embracing and contributing to social change; being as diverse as the communities in which we operate. These are evidenced by feedback from our beneficiaries and the wider community.

3. There is no harm arising from our purposes. Scouting operates within a framework of safety to enable young people to take part in adventurous activities safely.

4. Scouting's beneficiaries are children and young people.

5. The only **private benefit** from this purpose is that Adult Volunteers are trained to deliver the programme, but this is incidental and necessary because it is needed to operate in today's society, when working with young people.

• **Main activities to further purposes for public benefit:**

Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

• **Main achievements in the year: (Group Scout Leader's Report)**

In the past year, 5th Antrim membership has increased slightly. As of April 2024, Scouting enrolment stands at 37 young people over 4 sections; 9 Explorer Scouts, 12 Scouts, 11 Cubs and 5 Beavers. This is up by a total of 5 members since this time last year.

Our current leadership team consists of Abbie, Catherine and parent Brittany in Beavers with Young Leaders Jordan and Lauren assisting. In the Cub Section we have Claire and Amanda with Young Leaders Kai and Daniel helping. Daniel began volunteering as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award, and we are delighted to say that he has expressed a desire to continue in this role. In Scouts there are currently 3 uniformed leaders, Stephen, Joe and Nick, supported by Peter and Ian. We have no Explorer leaders at present and are currently very eager to recruit volunteers for this role.

We have been struggling to recruit new leaders over the past few years, and as a result, we often have to ask leaders to supervise multiple sections on the same night. On occasion, this has resulted in Beavers and Cubs having to merge together for the evening, which is not ideal, but ensures supervisory ratios are at a safe level. We encourage anyone who would like to volunteer to come forward so that we can provide a better experience for all our young members and for those who do volunteer to lead them.

On a more positive note, our bank balance is in good health. The decision to charge fees on a term-by-term basis has made a great difference to account administration and has freed up around 10 minutes per night per section as we are no longer spending time collecting and counting money. This time is now put to good use delivering the nightly programme. I would like to thank Group Treasurer Fiona Simpson for her continual commitment to ensuring our accounts are kept to the highest standards and for completing countless funding applications and Gift Aid documentation.

Badgework continues to be the main focus for most sections. Beavers have been awarded 79 badges in past 12 months. These include, 22 Challenge badges and 45 Activity badges including Builder, Experiment, Book Reader, Global Issues, Faith and many others. Beavers earned badges in Emergency Aid, a real skill for life that they

will build upon as they journey through the older sections. We were delighted to award the Chief Scout's Bronze Award to two of our young Beaver members. Beavers took part in Beaver Rally Day late last May in Crawfordsburn and more recently a District wide St George's Day Hike

The Cub section earned 160 badges including 18 Challenge badges, and over 80 activity badges such as, Astronomer, Air Activities, Backwoods Cooking, Home Help, International, Personal Safety, Scientist and more. Three of our Cubs achieved the Chief Scout's Silver Award which is the top award in the section.

Cubs attended District camp in Crawfordsburn and an indoor weekend camp at the Dunluce Guide Centre.

The Scout section also had a busy year of badgework with 62 badges being awarded over the course of the year. Challenge badges earned included, Creative, Outdoors, Expedition, Teamwork, Team Leader, and World. Activity badges included Air Researcher, Model Maker, Scientist, Chef, and Athletics.

The Explorer section is based on life skills rather than earning badges. On a weekly basis, our Explorers join in with Scout activities and a few of them are going through Young Leader Training. Two of our Explorers completed all of Module One of the Young Leader Training Programme through their attendance at Dunluce Cub Camp. We have another two Explorers currently going through Expedition Training to attend a canoeing trip to the Dordogne later this year. Unfortunately, the District Explorer camp in April was cancelled due to dangerous weather conditions.

Cubs, Scouts and Explorers enjoyed an evening visiting the Ulster Aviation Society Museum near Lisburn. Everyone who attended earned their Air Activities staged badges and it is safe to say that the leaders enjoyed it every bit as much as the Scouts. As a group, we celebrated the King's Coronation with a celebratory lunch for all the Parishioners of All Saints Church, served by our Scouts and Explorers. In April 2024, the Group held a Beetle Drive to raise funds for the local Foodbank.

We mentioned last year about upcoming changes to the structure of Scouting throughout the UK. However, to date, there has been no clear guidance from The Scout Association as to how best to progress, so these changes have not yet been implemented within 5th Antrim Scout Group.

I would like to thank all those who volunteer as leaders for their commitment over the past year, and you, the parents for supporting your children to attend Scouts and take part in Scouting activities throughout the year.

Kristy Robinson
Group Scout Leader

7th May 2024

**REVIEW OF OUR CHARITY'S FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF 31st MARCH 2024
5th ANTRIM (ALL SAINTS) SCOUT GROUP TREASURERS REPORT FOR
AGM 07/05/2024**

Our accounts show a strong recovery in the post Covid period.

We received a total of £3530 in various grants, including £900 from ANBC for a coronation event, and were able to claim back £548.63 in Gift Aid.

We gave £200 to Antrim and Newtownabbey foodbank in December 2023 and the further £369 raised through our recent Beetle Drive is due to be soon paid to the foodbank and will be included in 2024-5 accounts.

We had £3777.68 in the bank on 31st March but that amount was soon lowered to less than £3000, as invoices cleared over Easter.

It is anticipated that summer camps will consume a good deal of our funds but that we shall still be in good financial health, when the new Scouting year starts in September.

I wish once again to thank Alex Chestnutt, who audits our accounts pro bono.

Fiona Simpson

Hon. Treasurer 7th May 2024

AGREED BY ALL TRUSTEES

**SIGNED BY TRUSTEE FIONA SIMPSON (5th ANTRIM SCOUT GROUP
TREASURER)**

Fiona Simpson 07/05/2024

5th Antrim(All Saints)Scout Group

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Annual return

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of 5th Antrim (All Saints)
Scout Group
Charity Registration No. 103768**

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.



Name: A A Chestnutt F I B

Address: 2 Braeside Gardens, Antrim BT41 1HB

Date 3 May 2024

5th Antrim(All Saints)Scout Group

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Accounts

Receipts and payments account

For the period
from

01 04 2022

To

31 3 2023

Last year

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
Receipts					
Membership fees	2,527			2,527	587
Camp and activity events	225			225	320
Grants	1,600			1,600	9,624
Gift Aid	584			584	-
Charity collection	-	170		170	-
Miscellaneous	114			114	60
Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	5,049	170	-	5,220	10,591
Asset and investment sales					
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received		-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,049	170	-	5,220	10,591
Payments					
H Q membership fees	1,030			1,030	1,669
Use of church hall	200			200	200
Badges and uniforms	648			648	254
Camp and other activities	225			225	5,705
Insurance	218			218	205
Equipment				-	10
Administration	162			162	72
Charity donation		170		170	100
Part of Grants returned	1,654			1,654	-
Miscellaneous	268			268	190
Sub total	4,404	170	-	4,575	8,405
Asset and investment purchases					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of assets	464	-	-	464	2,500
Sub total	464	-	-	464	2,500
Total payments	4,868	170	-	5,039	10,905
Net of receipts/(payments)	181	-	-	181	(314)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	2,154	-	-	2,154	2,468
Cash funds this year end	2,335	-	-	2,335	2,154

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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	2,335	-	-	2,335	2,154
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,335	-	-	2,335	2,154
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details					
	None	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
			Total		-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
	None			-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
			Total	-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
	Tents		General	-	1,680	1,890
	Badge stock		General	-	400	100
	Equipment		General	-	4,184	4,185
			Total	-	6,264	6,175
B5 Liabilities	Details		Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
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			Total		-	-
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• **Main activities to further purposes for public benefit:**

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• **Main achievements in the year: (Group Scout Leader's Report)**

The past year has seen 5th Antrim go back to our normal routines after all the upheaval and uncertainty of the past few years. It has been so nice to just come in every week and get on with the business of Scouting the way we do best.

Membership has decreased since the same period last year. As of April 2022, Scouting enrolment stands at 32 young people over 4 sections; 7 Explorer Scouts, 10 Scouts, 8 Cubs and 7 Beavers. This is down by a total of 8 members since this time last year.

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As you heard in our Group Treasurer's report, our bank balance has returned to good health. We made the difficult decision to increase weekly subs as an increase in annual fees to Scout headquarters combined with the cost of basic programme essentials meant we had little choice. This was the first increase in weekly fees since our group started over 10 years ago. I would like to thank Group Treasurer Fiona Simpson for her continual commitment to ensuring our accounts are kept to the highest standards and for filling in countless bureaucratic funding applications.

Badgework continues to be the main focus for most sections. Beavers have been awarded 90 badges in past 12 months. These include Teamwork, Cook, Creative,

Disability Awareness, Gardener, Health & Fitness, Hobbies, International, Explore, Safety, Sports and Hikes.

Members of the Cub section have continued to engage in a full and busy programme of badgework since September earning an impressive 142 badges in the following areas; Outdoors, Team Leader, World, Artist, Book Reader, Collector, Communicator, Environmental Conservation, Fire Safety, International, Local Knowledge, My Faith, Emergency Aid and Time on Water.

In addition, we were delighted to award 7 Cubs with the Chief Scout's Silver Award which is the top award in the section.

The Scout section also had a successful year of badgework with 106 badges being awarded over the course of the year. Badges earned included Adventure, Creative, Outdoors, Teamwork, Team Leader, Farming, Model Maker, Orienteering, Emergency Aid and Time on Water.

The Explorer section is based on life skills rather than earning badges. On a weekly basis, our Explorers join in with Scout activities and a few of them are going through Young Leader Training. Weekly attendance can be difficult with GCSE study understandably taking priority. On a District level our Explorers have taken part in numerous activities, the most recent being a day at Escaramouche. The highpoint was a weekend camp at Claddagh Glen, Co Fermanagh with a gruelling hike up the 'Stairway to Heaven' to the top of Cuilcagh Mountain. Unfortunately, the weather was horrendous and by all accounts it was more of a stairway to Hell, so as GSL I want to express how proud I am of all our Explorers for working as a team to make sure everyone helped each other get to the top and complete the hike safely.

The coming year will see some significant changes to the structure of Scouting throughout the UK. All leader roles will be redefined to reflect the fact that we are all volunteers who work together as a team to provide a positive experience for all our young people. There will be changes to the structure of the Executive Committee which we will attend to in due course.

I would like to thank all our leaders for their commitment over the past year and you, the parents for supporting your children to complete Scouting activities throughout the year. We are fortunate to have such enthusiastic volunteers, parents and young people. We would love to see some new leaders joining the

team in our Beaver and Cub sections so that we can welcome some new members, so if you or someone you know would like to be part of the team, please come and have a chat.

Kristy Robinson

2nd May 2023

Group Scout Leader

REVIEW OF OUR CHARITY'S FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF 31st MARCH 2023

Our finances are robust, in spite of a reduction in membership resulting from the pandemic.

Our membership fees and therefore Gift Aid refunds are considerably less than we would have expected pre Covid but they are both anticipated to improve.

(We claimed back £583.90 in Gift Aid for 3 years up to December 2022.)

The Education Authority gave out a considerable amount of grant money over the pandemic but we were unable to spend it all so we had to refund £1654 in 2022-3 financial year for unspent monies for the previous year. That completely negated the £1600 grant we received last year.

However, in spite of all that ,we have ended up with more or less the same amount of moneys in the bank that we started with in April 2022.

Fiona Simpson

Hon Treasurer 02/05/2023

AGREED BY ALL TRUSTEES

SIGNED BY TRUSTEE FIONA SIMPSON (5th ANTRIM SCOUT GROUP TREASURER)

Fiona Simpson 02/05/2023

5th Antrim(All Saints)Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103768

Annual return

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of 5th Antrim (All Saints)
Scout Group
Charity Registration No. 103768**

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 26 April 2023