



PARKHALL SCOUT GROUP TRUSTEES REPORT 2024-2025

Charity Number NIC103794

Main Contact for Group

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Parkhall Scout Group Background Information

The Scout Group is open to all youth in the surrounding communities, irrespective of faith or belief or ability, between the ages of 4 and 18. Girls and Boys can join in each of the four Sections. All sections meet on a Thursday night in High Street Presbyterian Church halls, Steeple Road, Antrim between 5.30pm and 9.30pm.

Squirrel Scouts: Contact – Erin Sharkey

We have run a Squirrel Drey attached to Parkhall since April 2019. This Section is for boys and girls aged 4 to 6 years old. The Squirrel Association Northern Ireland officially merged with the Scout Association in September 2021. The Squirrel Section runs a balanced programme to encourage personal development of our young people. Activities include storytime, crafts, games, outdoor activities and making friends. There are 12 activity badges and 4 challenge badges that Squirrel Scouts can work towards, culminating in the Chief Scout Acorn Award, the highest achievement a Squirrel Scout can achieve.

Beaver Scouts: Contact – Lorraine McGarry

Beaver Scouts are for ages 6 to 8. Their programme includes games, crafts and badge work to build self-confidence, independence and team work. Beaver Scouts have 6 Challenge Awards and 19 Activity Badges they work through in their two years in Beavers. The Chief Scout's Bronze Award is the highest Award they can achieve.

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Cub Scouts: Contact - Bill McCullough

Cub Scouts are ages 8 to 10 ½. Their programme includes games, crafts and badge work to build self-confidence, independence and team work. They take part in District games like football, hockey and quizzes. Taking part in many outdoor Scouting Activities, such as: hiking, tracking and camping. Cubs Scouts have 7 Challenge Awards and 36 Activity Badges they work towards achieving during their thirty months in the Cub Pack. The Chief's Scout Silver Award is highest Award a Cub which can achieved.

Scouts: Contact – David McConkey

Scouts are for ages 10 ½ to 14. Their programme advances on from Cub Scouts this includes; games, crafts and badge work to build self-confidence and team work. Taking part in many outdoor Scouting activities, but their hiking and camping is usually for longer periods of time. Scouts have 9 Challenge Awards and 59 Activity Badges, which they work towards achieving during their three and a half years in the Scout Troup. The Chief's Scout Gold Award is highest Award a Scout can achieve. The Scout Section Leaders are undergoing training to be able to deliver the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme to interested members of the Group.

Explorer Scouts: Contact – Steven Patterson

This age group is between 14 and 18. This older age group are part the District Explorer Unit and as such will sometimes meet as a district unit in other halls. They have 27 Activities Badges, D of E Awards, Explorer Belt, Young Leaders Scheme, Chief's Scouts Platinum and Diamond Awards. The top Award is the Queen's Scout Award.

We are also developing Young Leaders within the group and these sit within the Explorer Section.

January 2025 Scout Association Census

Please see attached census recording.

Below is a summary of changes. There is continued movement up through the sections with significant growth in the Scouts and Explorer Sections. Waiting lists are being actively managed and no one under the age of 11 is awaiting a place in the Group.

	Male (change from last year)	Female (change from previous year)	Self-identify (change from previous year)	Prefer not to say (change from previous year)
Squirrels	8 (-1)	1 (-1)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Beavers	10 (+4)	1 (-1)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Cubs	12 (-4)	2 (-2)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Scouts	14 (+8)	13 (+4)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Explorers	Recorded on district census			

Leaders / Adult Helpers:

Gender	
M	6
F	5

Group Constitution

The 2023-2024 AGM was held on 25th November 2024. A proposal was made on the recommendation of The Scout Association that we adopt the new Scout Association Constitution as set out in *The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules* Section 5. Local governance and finance of Groups, Districts, Counties (June 2024).

The members of Parkhall Scout Council (adult volunteers and all parents/guardians of Parkhall Scout Group) and Trustee Board present unanimously agreed to adopt this as the new constitution.

Trustee Board

The new Trustee Board was formed as per the new constitution, positions will be held for three years.

Chairperson – Mr Chris Robinson

Treasurer – Mrs Margaretta McCullough

Mrs Anne Shannon (parent) who will hold nominal role of secretary

Mrs Sharon Smith – Group Lead Volunteer

Mrs Erin MacMillan Sharkey (Squirrel Team Lead)

Mrs Lorraine McGarry (Beaver Team Lead)

Mr William McCullough (Cub Team Lead)

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Mr David McConkey (Scout Team Lead)
Mr Stephen Patterson (Explorer Team Lead)
Mrs Patrick McQuillan (Parent)
Mrs Ariel Ilardi (parent)
Mrs Rachel Sharkey (parent)

Treasurer's Report

The accounts were reviewed and accepted at the 2024-2025 AGM on 19th June 2025.
They have been audited by an Independent Auditor who was appointed at the 2024-2025 AGM.

I confirm that the information presented in this report on behalf of the Parkhall Scout Group Trustees is true and accurate.

Signed:

Sharon Smith

(Group Lead Volunteer)



DATE: 25th January 2025

Chris Robinson
(Group Chairman)



Census of Group Membership in Parkhall For the year ending January 2025

	Male	Female	Self-identify	Prefer not to say	Total
Youth membership					
Squirrels	8	1	0	0	9
Beavers	10	1	0	0	11
Cubs	12	2	0	0	14
Scouts	14	13	0	0	27
Total Youth Membership	44	17	0	0	61
Adult roles					
Leadership	6	5	0	0	11
Management	0	1	0	0	1
Support	1	1	0	0	2
Governance	2	4	0	0	6
Group	9	11	0	0	20
Total Adult Membership	9	11	0	0	20
Totals					
Total Youth Membership	44	17	0	0	61
Total Adult Membership	9	11	0	0	20
Total Membership	53	28	0	0	81
Total to pay					61
Waiting lists					
Beavers	2	2	0	0	4
Scouts	2	2	0	0	4
Total waiting lists	4	4	0	0	8
Young Leaders					
Squirrels	0	1	0	0	1
Total Young Leaders	0	1	0	0	1
Sections					
Squirrel dreys					1
Beaver colonies					1
Cub packs					1
Scout troops					1
Organisation					
Sections					4
Groups					1

* Also includes roles in Regions/Countries; + YL totals are not included in the overall totals as Young Leaders are already included in Explorer totals.