

5th Ballymena (St. Columba's) Scout Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103798

Details

Known as	St. Columba's (Dunclug)
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: Community development,Cross-border/cross-community,Cultural,Sport/recreation,Youth development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds),Preschool (0-5 year olds),Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£25,404	£22,082	£0	0
2025-03-31	£23,000	£21,000	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ben Macdonald		
Miss Emma Weir		
Mr Aaron Coates		
Mr Danny Bryson		
Mr James Tuff		
Mr Nic Dallat		
Mr Paul Houston		
Mrs Ceara Thompson		
Mrs Helen Weir		
Mrs Paula Speers		

Accounts

St Columba's
5th Ballymena Scout Group
Group Accounts for the period 01 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

	2026							2025
	Squirrel Drey £	Beaver Colony £	Cub Scout Pack £	Scout Troup £	Explorer Scouts £	Scout Group £	Total £	Total £
Income								
Membership Subscriptions	1,098	1,400	2,316	1,125	830	80	6,849	9,016
Bank Interest	-	17	18	23	7	5	70	84
Grants	138	414	315	207	162	2,000	3,236	2,176
Fundraising Activities	800	-	-	24	-	773	1,597	2,908
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Badge and Uniform Receipts	350	-	17	-	10	168	545	2,358
Camp Fees	460	765	1,913	1,540	1,600	1,361	7,639	4,410
Sundries	-	-	-	-	-	32	32	-
Trip Fees	525	323	340	227	144	-	1,559	1,961
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-	3,877	3,877	-
Total Income	3,371	2,919	4,919	3,146	2,753	8,296	25,404	22,913
Expenditure								
District Capitation Fees	748	596	1,320	616	529	-	3,809	5,013
Materials for Activities	546	412	264	387	241	392	2,242	3,913
Camp Fees	-	219	1,561	1,298	1,045	3,530	7,653	7,555
Trip Fees	-	822	303	568	145	-	1,838	2,170
Donations and Grants	1,200	-	-	-	-	-	1,200	-
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-	-	44	44	42
Sundry Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Badges and Uniforms	734	149	341	246	130	377	1,977	2,198
Heat and light	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44
World Jamboree	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OSM	43	-	-	-	-	179	222	234
Grant	-	-	-	-	-	3,097	3,097	-
Total Expenditure	3,271	2,198	3,789	3,115	2,090	7,619	22,082	21,180
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period	100	721	1,130	31	663	677	3,322	1,733
Balance 01 April 2025								
Bank	727	1,324	1,355	2,081	406	4,143	10,036	8,946
Cash	155	-	-	143	-	-	298	298
	882	1,324	1,355	2,224	406	4,143	10,334	9,244
Balance 31 March 2026								
Bank	982	2,045	2,485	2,255	1,069	4,820	13,656	8,304
Cash	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	298
	982	2,045	2,485	2,255	1,069	4,820	13,656	8,602

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The Charity's only assets are the cash funds as outlined above and it has no liabilities.

Approval of the Accounts

I have prepared the above annual receipts and payments account from the information supplied and confirm they are in agreement therewith.

Ceara Thompson
Treasurer

Date : 30th April 2026

Accounts

St Columba's
5th Ballymena Scout Group
Group Accounts for the period 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

	2025							2024
	Squirrel Drey £	Beaver Colony £	Cub Scout Pack £	Scout Troup £	Explorer Scouts £	Scout Group £	Total £	Total £
Income								
Membership Subscriptions	543	2,254	2,497	1,578	1,115	1,030	9,016	5,778
Bank Interest		22		51	8	4	84	63
Grants						2,176	2,176	3,577
Fundraising Activities				2,908			2,908	1,291
Donations							0	53
Badge and Uniform Receipts	1,315		542	233	100	168	2,358	2,315
Camp Fees		410	450	3,310	240		4,410	4,495
Sundries							0	0
Trip Fees	165	344	460	620	372		1,961	1,745
Total Income	2,023	3,030	3,948	8,699	1,834	3,378	22,913	19,317
Expenditure								
District Capitation Fees	593	1,143	1,315	1,074	889		5,013	3,748
Materials for Activities	411	607	444	1,393	164	895	3,913	4,964
Camp Fees		327	424	6,236	569		7,555	3,830
Trip Fees	340	273		715	165	678	2,170	2,541
Donations and Grants							0	0
Bank Fees						42	42	42
Sundry Expenses						11	11	213
Badges and Uniforms	264	307	935	294	214	184	2,198	3,206
Heat and light							0	1,200
Computer Costs						44	44	44
World Jamboree							0	0
OSM	43					191	234	173
Total Expenditure	1,650	2,656	3,117	9,710	2,001	2,045	21,180	19,960
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period	373	373	832	(1,011)	(167)	1,333	1,733	(642)
Balance 01 April 2024								
Bank	354	951	523	3,092	574	2,810	8,304	8,946
Cash	155			143			298	298
	509	951	523	3,235	574	2,810	8,602	9,244
Balance 31 March 2025								
Bank	727	1,324	1,355	2,081	406	4,143	10,036	8,304
Cash	155			143			298	298
	882	1,324	1,355	2,224	406	4,143	10,334	8,602

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Ceara Thompson
Treasurer

Date : 22 July 2025

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Group Accounts for the period 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

	2024							2023
	Squirrel Drey £	Beaver Colony £	Cub Scout Pack £	Scout Troup £	Explorer Scouts £	Scout Group £	Total £	Total £
Income								
Membership Subscriptions	600	1,955	613	1,530	450	631	5,778	8,254
Bank Interest		16		36	7	3	63	22
Grants						3,577	3,577	4,406
Fundraising Activities	0			1,291		0	1,291	7,776
Donations						53	53	0
Badge and Uniform Receipts	641	28	488	972		185	2,315	1,305
Camp Fees		325	1,328	2,258	585		4,495	4,736
Sundries			0				0	
Trip Fees	150	707	235	554	99		1,745	1,818
Total Income	1,391	3,031	2,663	6,641	1,141	4,450	19,317	28,317
Expenditure								
Transport						0	0	500
District Capitation Fees	525	1,028	950	675	570		3,748	3,344
Materials for Activities	499	637	621	1,838	350	1,021	4,964	4,084
Camp Fees		38	569	2,886	338		3,830	3,578
Trip Fees		875	81	235	318	1,032	2,541	2,396
Donations and Grants							0	535
Bank Fees						42	42	45
Sundry Expenses						213	213	299
Badges and Uniforms	425	220	786	1,239	0	537	3,206	1,608
Heat and light						1,200	1,200	640
Refunds							0	15
Computer Costs						44	44	44
World Jamboree							0	13,580
OSM	43					130	173	0
Total Expenditure	1,491	2,797	3,007	6,872	1,576	4,218	19,960	30,668
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period	(100)	234	(344)	(230)	(435)	232	(642)	(2,351)
Balance 01 April 2023								
Bank	454	717	867	3,323	1,008	2,577	8,946	10,744
Cash	155			143			298	142
	609	717	867	3,466	1,008	2,577	9,244	10,886
Transfer in from Squirrels							0	709
Balance 31 March 2024								
Bank	354	951	523	3,092	574	2,810	8,304	8,946
Cash	155			143			298	298
	509	951	523	3,235	574	2,810	8,602	9,244
Check box	(1)	0	0	1	(0)	(0)	(0)	

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Ceara Thompson
Treasurer

Date :

5th Ballymena (St. Columba's) Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103798

Annual report

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) 0 1 0 4 2 3 to end date 3 1 0 3 2 4

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

5th Ballymena (St Columba's) Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1 0 3 7 9 8

HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

St Columba's Church

Doury Road

Ballymena

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Andy Clarke	Group Lead Volunteer	
2	Paula Speers	Chair	
3	Ceara Thompson	Treasurer	
4	Ben MacDonald		
5	Ciara McDonnell		
6	Nic Dallat		
7	Heather Clarke		
8	Helen Weir		
9	Aaron Coates		
10	Paul Houston		
11	Emma Weir		
12	Danny Bryson		
13	Caroline Dallat	Secretary	
14			
15			

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

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)

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

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'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.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, 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 Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 10 Trustees (including 2 Ex Officio Trustees, and 2 co-opted Trustees) and meets every 4 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Section B

Structure, governance and management (continued)
Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1)
The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks

to which they believe the Group 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 Group 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 Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board 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 group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level 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.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as 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 (Specimen 2)

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 payments 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

Squirrel Scouts are for ages 4 to 6. Their programme includes games, crafts and badge work. The Chief Scout's Acorn Award is the highest Award they can achieve.

Beaver Scouts are for ages 6 to 8. Their programme includes games, crafts and badge work. The Chief Scout's Bronze Award is the highest Award they can achieve.

Cub Scouts are for ages 8 to 10. Their programme includes games, crafts, badge work and outdoor activities. They take part in District events. The Chief Scout Silver Award is highest Award a Cub which can achieve before they move on to Scouts

Scouts are for ages 10½ to 14. A step up from Cubs, Scouts have a wide variety of activity badges to earn. These take a lot more effort and commitment to achieve. Scouts like to get outdoors as much as possible and always look forward to camps. The Chief Scout Gold Award is highest Award a Scout can achieve.

The Explorer age group is between 14 and 18. This older age group are part the District Explorer Unit and along with biweekly meetings in the group they partake in various adventurous activities at District level. The top Award they can achieve is the King's Scout Award.

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.

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

All sections worked towards their Top Awards and successful Young People who worked hard throughout the year earned them for their appropriate section.

Section E

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The Group had a successful year and the Group Accounts are in a healthy state due to several successful fundraising activities having taken place during the year, and no significant items of expenditure incurred. Income and expenditure in 2024 was circa £19.5k and £20k. 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 or there would be an unexpected financial demand. The Trustee Board therefore considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months normal running costs in the region of £5.5k.

The Group held reserves of circa £8.6k against this at the year end which is just above the level required to operate the Group effectively during a normal annual cycle, this will be due to the scouting year not matching the financial year and some activity fees still to come up of the monies held at year end.

Quantify and explain any designations

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

Not relevant

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 (Specimen 1)

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.

Investment Policy (Specimen 2)

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse 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 them)

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Aaron Coates	Paula Speers
Full name(s)	Aaron Wallace Coates	Paula Speers
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Group Lead Volunteer	Group Chair Person
Date	271125	

5th Ballymena (St. Columba's) Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103798

Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the charity trustees of 5th Ballymena (St. Columba's) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2024.

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.

Signed: *Steven Potter*

Date: 17-Jun-2024

Steven Potter FCA

Independent Examiner

Potter Finnegan

Chartered Accountants

Unit 25 The Courtyard Business Park

190 Galgorm Road, Ballymena, Co Antrim BT42 1HL

Accounts

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Group Accounts for the period 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

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	Squirrel Drey £	Beaver Colony £	Cub Scout Pack £	Scout Troup £	Explorer Scouts £	Scout Group £	Total £	Total £
Income								
Membership Subscriptions	1,343	1,668	1,740	2,291	1,180	32	8,254	5,726
Bank Interest		3		8	2	9	22	10
Grants						4,406	4,406	10,500
Fundraising Activities	330			242		7,204	7,776	1,081
Donations							0	196
Badge and Uniform Receipts			148	919		238	1,305	404
Camp Fees		200	760	2,035	1,741		4,736	570
Trip Fees	644	134	280	160	600		1,818	1,325
Total Income	2,317	2,005	2,928	5,656	3,523	11,889	28,317	19,811
Expenditure								
Transport						500	500	
District Capitation Fees	533	568	675	924	645		3,344	2,556
Materials for Activities	293	630	457	269	272	2,163	4,084	1,860
Camp Fees		214	794	1,410	1,161		3,578	9,015
Trip Fees	777	96	586	399	538		2,396	1,405
Donations and Grants	535						535	541
Bank Fees						45	45	35
Sundry Expenses	145					154	299	25
Badges and Uniforms	133	267	241	897	70		1,608	2,273
Heat and light						640	640	500
Refunds				15			15	0
Computer Costs						44	44	0
World Jamboree						13,580	13,580	
Total Expenditure	2,416	1,775	2,753	3,914	2,685	17,126	30,669	18,209
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period	(99)	230	175	1,742	837	(5,237)	(2,352)	1,602
Balance 01 April 2022								
Bank		487	692	1,580	171	7,815	10,744	8,500
Cash				142			142	785
		487	692	1,723	171	7,815	10,887	9,285
Transfer in from Squirrels	709						709	
Balance 31 March 2023								
Bank	455	717	867	3,322	1,008	2,577	8,946	10,744
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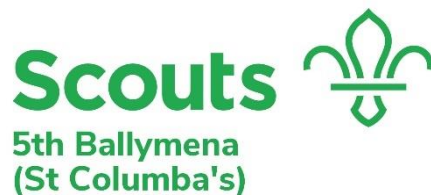
Ceara Thompson
Treasurer

Date : 22 June 2023

5th Ballymena (St. Columba's) Scout Group

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Annual report



5th Ballymena (St Columba's) Scout Group
Trustees Report
2022 – 2023

Charity Number NIC103798

Main Contact for Group

Andy Clarke
19 Rockgrove Brae, Ballymena, Co. Antrim, BT43 5HY
Andy@5thballymenascoutgroup.org.uk

Scout Group Executive Committee 2022-2023

Chairperson -	Paula Speers
Secretary -	Caroline Dallat
Treasurer -	Ceara Thompson
Andy Clarke -	Group Scout Leader
Helen Weir -	Beaver Leader
Heather Clarke -	Cub Leader
Aaron Coates -	Scout Leader
Billy Taylor -	Parish Representative
Ben MacDonald -	Parent

Scout Group Background Information

The Scout Group is open to all youth in the surrounding communities, between the ages of 6 and 18. Girls and Boys can join the four Sections, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers based on their age. Sections meet on different nights in St Columba's Church Hall, Doury Road, Ballymena, although often they are outdoors and use local facilities such as the ECOS, Sentry Hill and the wonderful Antrim Hills.

Beaver Scouts:

Contact Helen Weir helen@5thballymenascoutgroup.org.uk

Beaver Scouts are for ages 6 to 8. Their programme includes games, crafts and badge work. The Chief Scout's Bronze Award is the highest Award they can achieve.

Cub Scouts:

Contact Heather Clarke heather@5thballymenascoutgroup.org.uk

Cub Scouts are for ages 8 to 10. Their programme includes games, crafts, badge work and outdoor activities. They take part in District events. The Chief Scout Silver Award is highest Award a Cub which can achieve before they move on to Scouts

Scouts:

Contact Aaron Coates aaron@5thballymenascoutgroup.org.uk

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Explorer Scouts:

Contact Helen or Heather

This age group is between 14 and 18. This older age group are part the District Explorer Unit and along with weekly meetings in the group they partake in various adventurous activities at district level. The top Award they can achieve is the Queen's Scout Award.

Annual Return Scout Association Census January 2023

Youth:

Beavers 17

Cubs 19

Scouts 25

- Total Youth: 61 of which 47 were Male and 14 Female.

We also have 14 Explorers who are counted at District level

Leaders:

3 Beaver Leaders

3 Cub Leaders

3 Scout / Explorer Scout Leaders

I confirm that the information presented in this report on behalf of the 5th Ballymena Scout Group Trustees is true and accurate.

We have no assets or liabilities.



Signed: Andy Clarke
(Group Scout Leader)

DATE: 27th January 2024

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 103798

Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the charity trustees of 5th Ballymena (St. Columba's) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2023.

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.

Signed: 

Date: 22 June 2023

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