



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

Charity Number NIC103798

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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

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.

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