

# 74th Belfast (R.B.A.I.) Scout Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103856

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-10-12
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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

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

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£34,261	£32,908	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Gardner		
Ashley Parks		
David Robinson		
David Scott		
Dawson Stelfox		
Katie Parks		
Michael Titterington		
Mr David Roy		
Mr. D.J. Madill		
Oliver Mercer		

**74th Belfast (R.B.A.I.) Scout Group**

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# Accounts

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## Charity Accounts

### 74th Belfast (RBAI) Scout Group

#### Income and Expenditure account for the year ended 31st March 2025

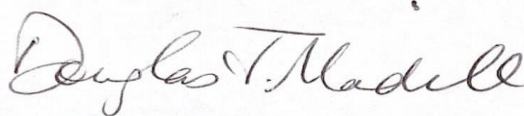
	£ 2025	£ 2025	£ 2025	£ 2024
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
Scout Subscriptions		10,562	10,562	8,045
Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Subscriptions	9,635		9,635	11,483
Scout Programme Activities		1,575	1,575	1,182
Annual Summer Camp	7,906		7,906	21,649
Fundraising		1,369	1,369	884
Contribution from RBAI	1,500	543	2,043	2,871
Contribution from the Barrhall Group		1,171	1,171	
	19,041	15,220	34,261	46,113
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>				
Scout Subscriptions		6,349	6,349	5,000
Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Subscriptions	11,947		11,947	11,627
Scout Programme Activities		1,669	1,669	4,017
Annual Summer Camp	10,689		10,689	21,773
Essex Jamboree			-	5,282
Equipment		609	609	1,088
Stationery, inks, maps		357	357	204
Parents Night	1,038		1,038	166
Charity donation		250	250	
	23,674	9,234	32,908	49,158
Opening Balance reserves	(269)	4,536	4,267	7,312
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(4,633)	5,987	1,353	(3,045)
Closing Balance reserves	(4,902)	10,522	5,620	4,267

74th Belfast (RBAI) Scout Group

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

	£ 2025	£ 2024
<u>Net Assets</u>		
Cash at Bank	5,620	4,267
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<u>Reserves</u>		
Reserves as at 1st April	4,267	7,312
Deficit for the Year	1,353	- 3,045
Reserves as at 31st March	<u>5,620</u>	<u>4,267</u>

These accounts were approved at the Annual General Meeting held on Monday, October 6th, 2025.



**D J MADILL**  
Chairman



**M E TITTERINGTON**  
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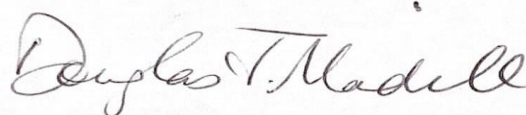
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Annual Summer Camp	21,649		21,649	9,485
Fundraising BOIA		884	884	732 3,060
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Essex Jamboree		5,282	5,282	
Equipment	734	354	1,088	11,838
Stationery, inks, maps		204	204	81
Parents Night	166		166	207
Charity donation				100
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	34,300	14,858	49,158	34,799
Opening Balance reserves	-	7,312	7,312	1,896
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(269)	(2,776)	(3,045)	5,416
<b>Closing Balance reserves</b>	<b>- 269</b>	<b>4,536</b>	<b>4,267</b>	<b>7,312</b>

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# Annual report

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**The Scout Association**  
*(Incorporated by Royal Charter)*



**74TH BELFAST (R.B.A.I.) SCOUT GROUP**

**TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

**for the year 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024**



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## **74th Belfast (R.B.A.I.) Scout Group**

<b>President:</b>	Miss J. Williamson
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Mr. D. Madill
<b>Secretary:</b>	Mrs. K. Parks
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Mr. M. Titterington
<b>Other Trustees:</b>	Mr. A. Gardner
	Mr. A. Parks
	Mr. D. Robinson
	Mr. D. Roy
	Mr. D. Scott
	Mr. D. Stelfox MBE

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

**Group Scout Leader:** Mr. D. Scott

### **RBAI**

**Scout Network Leader:** Mr. D. Scott,

**Explorer Scout Leader:** Mr. D. Roy,

**Assistant Explorer Scout Leaders:** Mr. B. McKeown, Mrs. K. Parks,

**Unit Sectional Assistants:** Mr A. Parks,

**Acting Scout Leader:** Mr. D. Scott,

**Assistant Scout Leaders:** Mr. D. Lyttle, Mr. M. Titterington,

**Troop Sectional Assistants:** Mrs. K. Rogers, Mrs. K. Scott, Mr. E. Tang,

**Group Occasional Helper:** Mr. R. Fox.

### **Inchmarlo**

**Cub Scout Leader:** Mrs. L. Agnew,

**Assistant Cub Scout Leader:** Mrs. R. Pollock,

**Pack Sectional Assistant:** Mrs. S. McClean,

**Beaver Scout Leader:** Vacant,

**Assistant Beaver Scout Leader:** Vacant,

**Group Occasional Helpers:** Mr. A. Fullerton, Miss E. Gray, Mrs. K. Lunn.



**Bankers:** Danske Bank, Donegall Square West,  
Belfast, BT1 6JS.

**74th Belfast (R.B.A.I.) Registration Number with The Scout Association:**  
10010783

**Northern Ireland Charity Number:** NIC103856

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74th Belfast (R.B.A.I.) Scout Group,  
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Belfast,  
BT1 6DL.

## Chairman's Introduction

I would like to thank the Group Scout Leader David and his team of leaders for running such a comprehensive and interesting programme which enables so many pupils to join Scouting at Inst. and take advantage of the opportunities that arise from it. It is particularly pleasing to see the very high numbers of pupils involved in Scouting on both school sites as well as the impressive level of achievement of top awards for the boys. My deep appreciation goes to the leaders who enthusiastically give up so much of their time to provide such an active and enjoyable programme in the Group. I also appreciate the efforts of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Leaders David Scott, David Roy, Katie, and Kyra in running the Award Scheme which so well supplements the Scout programme and its award system. Thank you to my fellow Trustee Board members who work hard to ensure that 74th remains as one of the best Scout Groups around.

As of 31 January 2024 (2023 figures in brackets), the membership in the Group was as follows:

13 (11)	Beaver Scouts
21 (15)	Cub Scouts
48 (61)	Scouts
43 (50)	Explorer Scouts
9 (17)	Scout Network
13 (7)	Leaders
4 (4)	Trustee Board members

### **151 (165) Total membership**

9 pupils are members of other Scout Groups but as pupils of the school attend our Group for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and other activities.

### **Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme:**

34 (27)	Bronze Award (Chief Scout's Platinum Award)
28 (19)	Silver Award (Chief Scout's Diamond Award)
15 (10)	Gold Award (Queen's Scout Award)

### **77 (56) Total enrolment**

**Duke of Edinburgh's Awards (2024 figures only):**

14 Bronze Awards  
3 Silver Awards  
0 Gold Awards

**Scout Top Awards:**

0 Chief Scout's Bronze Awards (Beavers)  
0 Chief Scout's Silver Awards (Cubs)  
0 Chief Scout's Gold Awards (Scouts)  
2 Chief Scout's Platinum Awards (Explorers)  
3 Chief Scout's Diamond Awards (Explorers)  
0 King's Scout Awards (Explorers/Network)

## **Group Activities**

### **Officers**

**Group Chairman:** Oliver Mercer,

**Group Secretary:** Matthew Neilly,

**Troop Leaders:** Daniel Lyttle, James Garrett, Matthew Jamison, Samuel Jordan,

**Quartermaster:** Cameron Colgan,

**Badge Secretary:** Reuben Burnham,

**Deputy Badge Secretary:** Ashton Simms,

**Activities Co-ordinator:** Ronan Devlin,

**ICT Co-ordinator:** Jay Jayaprakash.

**Young Leaders:** James Garrett, Matthew Jamison, Jay Jayaprakash, Oliver Mercer.

### **Inchmarlo**

In May, both Sections celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III by playing themed games; preparing and cooking a healthy Banana Boat backwoods style; and by renewing their Scout promises. The boys undertook their Emergency Aid Staged Activity Badges with instruction from Mrs Holmes and Mrs McClean which was appreciated. June saw the American Football Club Belfast Trojans visit our Cub Pack to run an excellent session. The school year finished with the annual barbecue, games, and a visit from Headteacher Mrs Morwood.

The new school year began with a camp at Ardnally Scout Centre where despite the wet weather, the boys took part in canoeing and backwoods cooking while enjoying singing songs around a campfire. For many, it was their first overnight stay away from their families and they managed very well. Mrs Agnew, Mrs Pollock, Mr Roy, and Mr Scott supervised the boys over the weekend. At the Annual Scout Parents' Night, the Beaver Report was given by John Maitland and Nicky Rendo while Cole Larmour-Wheeler and Oscar McClean reviewed the Cub year. All the boys spoke excellently! Both Sections visited Ardnally again to take part in the District's Christmas event called Elfnally. They enjoyed crafts, hot chocolate, toasting marshmallows at a campfire and of course meeting Mrs Claus.



In the spring, the Beavers undertook the Community Impact Staged Activity Badge by learning about homelessness and how local charity Habitat for Humanity Ireland helps people at home and abroad to gain a safe place to call home. The boys visited the Habitat Restore in Lisburn and donated £100 to the charity's valuable work. The Cub team of Rocco Axon, Harry Forrester, Henry Fullerton, Oscar McClean, and Arthur Pollock were runners-up in the Northern Ireland Quiz held in Magherafelt in February, winning the Belfast Shield as the best placed team from Belfast County. The Cub Pack visited Colin Glen to take the exciting zip line down the 250 metre course over the forest from a height of 50 feet! March saw the Cub team of Patrick Agnew, Henry Brown, Declan McMaster, Tom Oliphant, and Sebastian Simpson win the Northern Ireland Unihoc Competition held at the Antrim Forum. The boys competed against 15 teams from across the province. Our Beavers celebrated Saint Patrick's Day by making tasty sweet potato bread over stoves.



## RBAI

Adam Byrne and Eddy Tang received their Gold Award from HRH Prince Edward in July. 27 Scouts successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award/Chief Scout's Platinum Award Qualifying Expeditions in the Mourne; 19 Explorers successfully completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award/Chief Scout's Diamond Award Qualifying Expeditions in the Mourne; and 10 Explorers successfully completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award/King's Scout Award Qualifying Expeditions in The Lake District in the summer term.

Ten Explorers headed off to The Lake District at the end of June to undertake the most gruelling challenge of all – hiking for at least eight hours per day for four days in unfamiliar mountainous terrain and being entirely self-sufficient in the process! Apart from finishing, the highlight was hiking up from Lake Buttermere to the peak of Wainwright's favourite Haystacks Mountain with its beautiful views. Congratulations to Thomas Agnew, Freddie Clark, Max Whiteley, Robbie Wilson, and Patrick Woods as well as Cameron Blundell, Daniel Camlin, Henry Keys, Toby McKnight, and Matthew Williams who successfully completed their Gold Award Qualifying Expeditions. Both groups

walked and navigated very well in wet but warm conditions to successfully complete their tough challenge.



Three Explorers and fifteen Scouts travelled to the World Scout Centre at Kandersteg in Switzerland for the Group's first summer camp since 2019. The group camped for 9 days, meeting fellow Scouts from all over the world. The centre focuses on sustainable living and bringing peace to an increasingly unstable world. Some recent Group traditions continued when the group got to take a gondola up to the stunning Oeschinenensee at 1,578m and swim in the glacial lake. Some of the group felt it was warmer than the north coast! The toboggan run gave a welcome rest after the cool swim which was fun. The sun shone brightly on us as the boys hiked to the Golitschen Alpine Cheesery at 1,833m. The 14km and 700m climb ended with well received fresh cow's milk and cheese at the top. The guides, Anna from Ukraine and Gui from Brazil, led excellently and helped the groups to enjoy the challenge. One of the highlights of the trip was the visit to the beautiful town of Thun to take part in a river rafting session. In sweltering heat, the boys had a thoroughly enjoyable time on the river Aare. It was fun jumping into the clean, warm water and then giving the slide a go too! The next challenge was an overnight hike to Gfellaalp Hut at 1,854m from the small village of Selden in the Gasterntal Valley. Although it rained at times, the scenery was superb especially at the hut. That evening ended with song and

stories around a campfire which was very enjoyable. The hike back down to Selden and then along the river Kander gave some more great views of the area including the chance to feed some alpacas! The International Campfire saw most of the Scouts on site being entertained by some talented Scouts including our own Cameron Colgan. Before camp ended, the group took the steepest cable car in Switzerland to see the terrific views from Allmenalp before arriving in Kandersteg village to shop and of course go swimming in the outdoor pool for one final time!



Leaders Mr Ben McKeown and Mr Ashley Parks received their 5 Year Service and 10 Year Service Awards respectively at the beginning of the year. Scout Rocco Steen won the Troop Archery Competition from Bradley Houghton and Joe Clerkin in September. In October, the three boys represented the Troop and District at the Northern Ireland Finals at Lisburn Woods where they won the archery title and finished third in the tomahawk competition. The Explorer Unit began the year with an enjoyable afternoon's karting with Cameron Colgan winning from Matthew Jamison and Jay Jayaprakash. Group Chair Oliver Mercer was awarded the JK Haire Fighter Pilot Memorial Cup on Prize Day. On October 20th, about 150 people enjoyed the annual Parents' Night in the Dining Hall at RBAI. Two Cubs and eight Scouts were invested into the Group, receiving their scarves from Belfast County Commissioner Stephen Mallett. The Group trophies were awarded as follows: The Beaver Shield to Charlie Meenan; The Promise

Shield to Nicky Rendo; The Inspection Shield to Arthur Pollock; The Six Shield to Isaac McClean; The Patrol Shield to Adam Price; The Bloomfield Perpetual Cup to Rowan Brown; The Crawford Perpetual Cup for Leadership to James Patterson; The Ronnie Hiscocks Memorial Cup for Outdoor Exploration (Junior) to Robbie Ingram and Oscar Topping; The Centenary Perpetual Cup for Outdoor Exploration to Ronan Devlin and Finnian Mantell; The William Greer Memorial Cup for Outdoor Exploration (Senior) to Freddie Clark and Henry Keys; The Bloomfield Perpetual Cup for Contribution to Charity to Michael Ingram and Oliver Mercer; The Founder's Trophy to Cameron Colgan, James Garrett and Matthew Jamison; The Andrew Fitzsimmons Memorial Cup for Commitment and Endeavour to Oliver Mercer; and the Greer Medal for Leadership to Mr Ben McKeown. In December, many Scouts and Explorers took part in the annual 5 A-Side Football Competitions. Group Chair Oliver Mercer presented a donation of £100 to Bishop Harold Millar of The Black Santa Appeal at Saint Anne's Cathedral fundraised from charity car-parking held at school earlier in the month.

The New Year began with a successful school Open Day which saw our Scouts and Explorers welcome prospective pupils with tasty pancakes and plenty of conversations about their Scouting exploits. In February, 20 Scouts achieved their Teamwork Challenge Award, and 18 boys achieved their Physical Recreation Activity Badge. In March, our Scouts and Explorers visited Belfast City Hall for a guided tour, and they enjoyed the impressive exhibition area as part of the World Challenge Award and International, Community, and Values section of their top awards, respectively. About 40 members of the Group visited local charity Storehouse Belfast at their North Street venue. The charity's purpose is provision, community, and growth for the clients they serve with the values of dignity, significance, and hope. They provide their clients with food, clothing, community, advice, learning, creative opportunities like pottery and photography, and much more. The boys provided donations of £100 along with numerous items of food and clothing.





## **Group Scout Leader**

The Scout Group maintained its strong level of participation and achievement in 2023/2024. The highlights of the year were the success of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme along with trip to Kandersteg International Scout Centre for the summer camp. It was notable to see the Cubs win the Northern Ireland Unihoc Competition while the Scouts won the Northern Ireland Archery Competition.

My thanks go to the Principal, the Inchmarlo Headteacher, the Governors and all the staff at RBAI for their continued support of the Scout Group which enables it to operate as one of the best Scout Groups in the country.

After another very busy year, I owe particular thanks to the hardworking and committed leaders of the Group for their continued conscientious, skillful, and enthusiastic leadership in enabling the Group to continue to provide Scouting to boys at Inst.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Scott", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Scott

Group Scout Leader and Trustee

17 November 2024

## Chairman's Conclusion

It simply remains for me to extend a sincere “thank you” to all involved in Scouting at Inst. – at whatever level of involvement; Scouts could not exist without such vision and commitment. On your behalf, I extend that “thank you” to our Group Scout Leader for the drive and determination he displays, and to our Trustee Board and office bearers in dealing routinely with administrative matters; to Miss Williamson, Mrs. Morwood, Mrs. Moore and their staff at R.B.A.I. for their continuing support and dedication; and to our parents who provide such admirable support to the boys and to the Scout Group.

In closing, to those who have lost loved-ones during the past year – our sincere condolences; I am always touched by the loyalty and perseverance of Scouts at whatever age of passing.



Douglas Madill  
Chairman and Trustee  
17 November 2024

## **Independent Examiners report to the charity trustees of 74<sup>th</sup> Belfast (RBAI) Scout Group**

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

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland 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.

*Chris Fleming*

Chris Fleming FCA  
Allen Fleming  
Chartered Accountants  
Old Bank House  
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Date: 15/11/24

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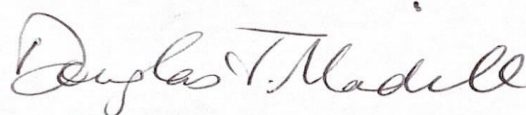
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Chairman



**M E TITTERINGTON**  
Treasurer

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## Group Mission Statement

### **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.

Inchmarlo Beaver Colony (P2 to P4) meet from 4 to 4.45 pm and Inchmarlo Cub Pack (P5 to 7) meet from 5 to 6 pm on Thursdays from September to June while the Scout Troop (Years 8 to 10), the Explorer Unit (Years 11 to 14) and the Scout Network (18 to 25 year olds) meet from 3.30 to 5 p.m. on Fridays during the autumn and spring terms, and when required in the summer term. There are numerous other events taking place throughout the year at Group, District, County, Northern Ireland, and United Kingdom levels as well as partnerships with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and charities like Habitat for Humanity Northern Ireland and Storehouse Belfast.

### **The Beaver Scout Promise**

I promise to do my best.  
And to be to kind and helpful  
And to love God

### **The Cub Scout Promise**

I promise that I will do my best.  
To do my duty to God  
and to the King,  
To help other people  
And to keep the Cub Scout Law.

### **The Cub Scout Law**

Cub Scouts always do their best.  
Think of others before themselves  
And do a good turn every day.

### **The Scout Promise**

On my honour,  
I promise that I will do my best.  
To do my duty to God  
and to the King,  
To help other people  
And to keep the Scout Law.

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### 74th Belfast (RBAI)

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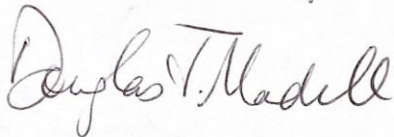
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**74TH BELFAST (R.B.A.I.) SCOUT GROUP**

**TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

**for the year 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023**



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<b>Chairperson:</b>	Mr. D. Madill
<b>Secretary:</b>	Mrs. K. Parks
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Mr. M. Titterington
<b>Trustees:</b>	Mr. A. Gardner
	Mr. D. Madill
	Mr. A. Parks
	Mrs. K. Parks
	Mr. D. Robinson
	Mr. D. Roy
	Mr. D. Scott
	Mr. D. Stelfox MBE
	Mr. M. Titterington

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

**Group Scout Leader:** Mr. D. Scott

### **RBAI**

**Explorer Scout Leader:** Mr. D. Roy,

**Assistant Explorer Scout Leaders:** Mr. B. McKeown, Mrs. K. Parks,

**Unit Sectional Assistant:** Mr A. Parks,

**Acting Scout Leader:** Mr. D. Scott,

**Troop Sectional Assistants:** Mrs. K. Rogers, Mrs. K. Scott, Mr. E. Tang, Mr. M. Titterington,

**Group Occasional Helper:** Mr. R. Fox.

### **Inchmarlo**

**Cub Scout Leader:** Vacant,

**Assistant Cub Scout Leader:** Mrs. L. Agnew,

**Pack Sectional Assistant:** Miss D. Gallivan, Mrs. S. McClean,

**Beaver Scout Leader:** Vacant,

**Assistant Beaver Scout Leader:** Vacant,

**Colony Sectional Assistant:** Miss E. Gray,

**Group Occasional Helpers:** Mr. A. Fullerton, Mrs. K. Lunn, Mrs. R. Pollock.



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## Chairman's Introduction

I would like to thank the Group Scout Leader David and his team of leaders for running such a comprehensive and interesting programme which enables so many pupils to join Scouting at Inst. and take advantage of the opportunities that arise from it. It is particularly pleasing to see the very high numbers of pupils at Inchmarlo and RBAI taking part in Scouting despite the challenges of returning to a new normal after the pandemic. My deep appreciation goes to the leaders who worked so hard to enable Scouting to carry on at this most difficult time. I also appreciate the efforts of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Leaders David, Katie, and Kyra in running the Award Scheme which so well supplements the Scout programme and its award system. Thank you to my fellow Executive Committee members who work hard to ensure that 74th remains as one of the best Scout Groups around.

I am pleased to report an increase in the membership numbers of the Group this year. This is due to the dedication of Leaders in providing an excellent Scouting programme across all sections.

As of 31 January 2023, the membership in the Group was as follows:

11	Beaver Scouts
15	Cub Scouts
61	Scouts
50	Explorer Scouts
17	Scout Network
7	Leaders
4	Executive Committee members
165	Total membership (191 in 2022)

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme:

27	Bronze Award (Chief Scout's Platinum Award)
19	Silver Award (Chief Scout's Diamond Award)
10	Gold Award (Queen's Scout Award)
56	Total enrolment (66 in 2022)

## **Group Activities**

### **Officers**

**Group Chairman:** O. Mercer,

**Group Secretary:** M. Neilly,

**Troop Leaders:** D. Lyttle, J. Garrett, M. Jamison, S. Jordan,

**Quartermaster:** C. Colgan,

**Badge Secretary:** R. Burnham,

**Deputy Badge Secretary:** A. Simms,

**Activities Co-ordinator:** R. Devlin,

**ICT Co-ordinator:** J. Jayaprakash.

**Young Leaders:** J. Garrett, M. Jamison, J. Jayaprakash, O. Mercer.

On April 8th, RBAI hosted the Northern Ireland Scout Awards Ceremony and Group Officers Matthew Jamison, Jay Jayaprakash and Oliver Mercer welcomed and directed guests at this prestigious, national event. Mr. Scott was awarded The Silver Acorn in recognition of his specially distinguished service to Scouting when the Chief Scout announced the Saint George's Day Awards. Reuben Burnham, Michael Giboney, Will Kernohan and Daniel Lyttle were reawarded Scout Honours. In June, the Group celebrated our Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee which has exemplified outstanding service, kindness, and encouragement.

Covid restrictions were eased at Easter so there was a busy period of adjustment before the expedition season began at the start of June. Just before the Platinum Jubilee weekend, 25 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants successfully qualified in lovely weather in the Mourne Mountains. Later in June, 24 Explorers successfully qualified in their Silver Award Qualifying Expeditions in a mixture of good and terrible weather in the Mournes. In June, 10 Explorers received their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Awards in assembly at school. Congratulations to all these boys!



The Gold Award Qualifying Expedition returned to The Lake District after a three-year absence. Being self-sufficient for four days in new, mountainous terrain is tough enough but doing such a challenge in terribly bad weather is even more difficult. However, Scout Network member Matthew Bunn and Explorer Scouts Reuben Burnham, James Dick, Jacob Edwards, James Hilman, Jack Hollway, Dan Kernohan, Will Kernohan, Michael Montgomery, Ashton Simms, Owen Smith, Jamie Spence, and Matthew Thompson successfully completed their Gold expedition. Congratulations!



For the first time since 2019, the Scout Group returned to its activities in September without any Covid mitigations. The Beaver Colony and Cub Pack at Inchmarlo continued to grow while plans were put in place for a return to the World Scout Centre at Kandersteg in Switzerland for the Scout Group Summer Camp.

On September 15th, 2022, the Scout Group helped the school to commemorate the passing of our Monarch and Patron Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at a special school assembly. Group Chairman Oliver Mercer and Troop Leader Daniel Lyttle formed the Colour Party.

October 14th saw over two hundred people attend the annual Parents' Night with Beavers from Inchmarlo attending for the first time. The Beaver Shield was presented to Jude Crozier, Henry Fullerton, and John Maitland. The Cub Inspection Shield was presented to Cole Wheeler-Larmour while P7 obtained the Six Shield as Sixes could not operate in Covid conditions. The Bloomfield Perpetual Cup for the best effort by new Scouts was given to Christopher Allsop, Adam Price, and Rocco Steen while The Crawford Perpetual

Cup for Leadership for the best Scouts went to Ronan Devlin and Finlay McAdam. The Patrol Shield was designated to the Year 8 pupils for Covid reasons. In terms of the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, The Ronnie Hiscocks Memorial Cup for Outdoor Exploration for the best Chief Scout's Platinum Award participants went to Finnian Mantell and Jacob Smyth; The Centenary Cup for Outdoor Exploration for the best Chief Scout's Diamond Award participants went to Robbie Henderson and Oliver Mercer; and The William Greer Memorial Cup for Outdoor Exploration for the best Queen's Scout Award participants went to Will Kernohan and Michael Montgomery. The Founder's Trophy for the best Explorer Scout was awarded to Oliver Mercer and The Andrew Fitzsimmons Memorial Cup for Commitment and Endeavour was achieved by Daniel Lyttle. The Greer Medal for Leadership for the best help from a friend of the Group was given to Mrs Lynsey Agnew.

Four Explorers achieved their Young Leader's Award in February 2023. Scouts Daniel Carson, Hugo Harrison and Alfie Lonergan won the Belfast Scout Archery Competition in March.

At Inchmarlo, the Beavers and Cubs had the most to cope with this year in terms of restrictions, but they showed adaptability and resilience to work to achieve several awards while enjoying and developing themselves in the process. As they worked towards their Skills, World and Personal Challenge Awards as well as other activity badges, the highlights of the year were numerous. They enjoyed backwoods cooking and climbing at Belfast Activity Centre and they were excited to visit Cadogan Fire Station to explore a brand-new fire engine and of course use the powerful hose! They carried out litter picks of the Inchmarlo grounds and made up hanging baskets to donate to the school to brighten up the environment. At the end of the year barbecue, Headteacher Mrs Morwood not only presented badges but commented that she would promote the Colony and Pack going forward which was encouraging. Both Sections prepared and cooked Ukrainian potato pancakes called Deruny which were tasty and well received overall. The boys showed their solidarity with our global neighbours as well as our local neighbours in achieving this badge.



Beavers Leo Crozier, Henry Fullerton, Tom Oliphant, Arthur Pollock, and Musa Shaikh took part in the Colony's first competitive event at the inaugural Belfast County Beaver Flag Competition at Ardnally Scout Centre in May. Another group of Beavers enjoyed attending the Northern Ireland Rally Day at Crawfordsburn Scout Centre where the boys got to try a range of activities from inflatables and tug of war to a puppet show and crate stacking.

Teamwork was the name of the game in the autumn term. Both junior Sections finished the term with a visit to Lagan District's Elfnally at Ardnally Scout Centre where the boys experienced an elf trail, a campfire, and toasting marshmallows, as well as receiving presents from Mary Christmas!



The spring term began with the popular Book Reader Activity Badge before the PSNI Road Policing Unit visited school to tell the boys about the importance of road safety. In March, the Beaver team of Rocco Axon, Charlie Forrester, Harry Forrester, Oscar McClean, Charlie Meenan and Nicky Rendo finished as runners-up in the Belfast County Unihoc Competition. Saint Patrick's Day saw the boys make, cook, and enjoy tasty soda farls. Adventure took the boys to Belfast Activity Centre in March to do archery, caving, climbing, and abseiling which was great fun!



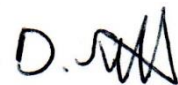
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## **Group Scout Leader**

The Scout Group maintained its strong level of participation and achievement in 2022/2023 despite the many challenges of returning to a new normal after the pandemic. The highlights of the year were the success of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

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After such a difficult year, I owe particular thanks to the hardworking and committed leaders of the Group for their continued conscientious, skillful, and enthusiastic leadership in enabling the Group to continue to provide Scouting to boys at Inst.

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David Scott

Group Scout Leader and Trustee

12 December 2023

## **Chairman's Conclusion**

It simply remains for me to extend a sincere "thank you" to all involved in Scouting at Inst. – at whatever level of involvement; Scouts could not exist without such vision and commitment. On your behalf, I extend that "thank you" to our Group Scout Leader for the drive and determination he displays, and to our Executive Committee and office bearers in dealing routinely with administrative matters; to Miss Williamson, Mrs. Morwood, Mrs. Moore and their staff at R.B.A.I. for their continuing support and dedication; and to our parents who provide such admirable support to the boys and to the Scout Group.

In closing, to those who have lost loved-ones during the past year – our sincere condolences; I am always touched by the loyalty and perseverance of Scouts at whatever age of passing.

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Douglas Madill  
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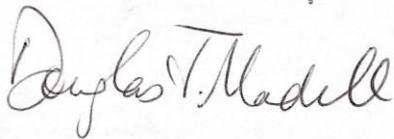
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As Scouts we are guided by these values:

**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.

Inchmarlo Beaver Colony (P2 to P4) meet from 4 to 4.45 pm and Inchmarlo Cub Pack (P5 to 7) meet from 5 to 6 pm on Thursdays from September to June while the Scout Troop (Years 8 to 10), the Explorer Unit (Years 11 to 14) and the Scout Network (18 to 25 year olds) meet from 3.30 to 5 p.m. on Fridays during the autumn and spring terms, and when required in the summer term. There are numerous other events taking place throughout the year at Group, District, County, Northern Ireland, and United Kingdom levels as well as partnerships with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and charities like Habitat for Humanity Northern Ireland and Storehouse Belfast.

### **The Beaver Scout Promise**

I promise to do my best.  
And to be to kind and helpful  
And to love God

### **The Cub Scout Promise**

I promise that I will do my best.  
To do my duty to God  
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To help other people  
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Cub Scouts always do their best.  
Think of others before themselves  
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