

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

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	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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Northern Ireland Charity Number: NIC103856

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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!



David Scott (Group Scout Leader)

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.

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 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

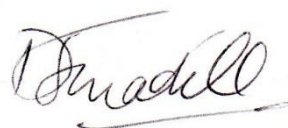
Group Scout Leader and Trustee

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Madill", with a horizontal line underneath.

Douglas Madill
Chairman and Trustee
12 December 2023

Independent Examiners report to the charity trustees of 74th Belfast (RBAI) Scout Group

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

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
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Date: 11/12/23

74th Belfast (RBAI)

Scout Group

Income and Expenditure account for the year ended 31st March 2023

	£	£
<u>Income</u>		
Scout Subscriptions	5,250.00	
Duke of Edinburgh Award		
Scheme Subscriptions	15,326.00	
Scout Programme Activities	1,718.50	
Annual Summer Camp	9,485.00	
Fundraising	731.92	
BOIA	3,060.00	
Contribution from RBAI	4,546.21	
Contribution from the Principal RBAI	397.55	
		40,515.18
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Scout Subscriptions	4,563.50	
Duke of Edinburgh Award		
Scheme	12,956.56	
Scout Programme Activities	3,418.99	
Annual Summer Camp	1,633.61	
Parents' Night	207.00	
Equipment	11,838.28	
Stationery, inks, maps	80.65	
Charity donation	100.00	
		34,798.59
Surplus for the Year		5,716.59

74th Belfast
(RBAI) Scout
Group

Balance Sheet as of
31st March 2023

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Net Assets

Cash at Bank

7,312

7,312

Reserves

Reserves as of 1st April
2022

1,896

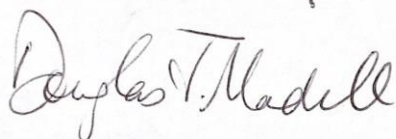
Surplus for the Year

5,717

Reserves as of 31st
March 2023

7,613

These accounts were approved at the Annual General Meeting
held on December 12th 2023



D J MADILL
Chairman



M E TITTERINGTON
Treasurer

Notes to Financial Statements

1. These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.
2. All payments made to trustees or their families are for bona fide transactions incurred on behalf of the Scout Group.

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.

The Scout Law

1. A Scout is to be trusted.
2. A Scout is loyal.
3. A Scout is friendly and considerate.
4. A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouts.
5. A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
6. A Scout makes good use of his time and is careful of possessions and property.
7. A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.

Scouting is open to people of all faiths and of none therefore alternative wording can be used to best reflects members' own beliefs, reflecting the diversity of our UK Scout community, e.g., country can be used for God or King.

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The Scout Association
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Patron: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Founder: The Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, OM,
GCMG, GCVO, KCB, LLD.

Chief Scout: Bear Grylls