

The Scout Association
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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

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Group Scout Leader: Mr. D. Scott

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Scout Network Leader: Mr. D. Scott,

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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,

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



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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 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.

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

Douglas Madill
Chairman and Trustee
17 November 2024

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 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

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Date: 15/11/24

74th Belfast (RBAI) Scout Group

Income and Expenditure account for the year ended 31st March 2024

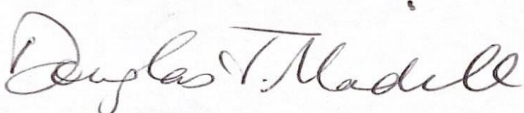
	£ 2024	£ 2024	£ 2024	£ 2023
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
<u>Income</u>				
Scout Subscriptions		8,045	8,045	5,250
Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Subscriptions	11,483		11,483	15,326
Scout Programme Activities		1,182	1,182	1,718
Annual Summer Camp	21,649		21,649	9,485
Fundraising		884	884	732
BOIA				3,060
Contribution from RBAI	900	1,971	2,871	4,246
Contribution from the Principal RBAI				398
	34,031	12,081	46,113	40,215
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Scout Subscriptions		5,000	5,000	4,563
Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Subscriptions	11,627		11,627	12,957
Scout Programme Activities		4,017	4,017	3,419
Annual Summer Camp	21,773		21,773	1,634
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
	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
Closing Balance reserves	- 269	4,536	4,267	7,312


74th Belfast (RBAI) Scout Group

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024

	£ 2024	£ 2023
<u>Net Assets</u>		
Cash at Bank	4,267	7,312
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	<u>4,267</u>	<u>7,312</u>
<u>Reserves</u>		
Reserves as at 1st April 2023	7,312	1,896
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Deficit for the Year	3,045	5,416
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Reserves as at 31st March 2024	<u>4,267</u>	<u>7,312</u>

These accounts were approved at the Annual General Meeting held on Monday, November 18th, 2024.


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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