

4th Carrickfergus Scout Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103859

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-09-02

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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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, Education/training, 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	£4,225	£4,158	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Cole		
Craig Fairless		
Suzanne Wilson		

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Accounts

Income & Expenditure

22.04.24	Scout Easter Party
22.04.24	Troop Easter Eggs
26.04.24	Troop Badges
08.05.24	Cub Flag Holder
13.05.24	Craft Supplies
18.05.24	Cub Cinema Trip
20.05.24	Cub Cinema
28.05.24	Stationery
03.06.24	Leaving Gift P Gray
10.06.24	End of year party
24.06.24	Scout Summer Camp
24.06.24	End of year party
01.08.24	Scout Summer Camp
07.08.24	Scout Summer Camp
19.08.24	Scout Summer Camp
19.08.24	Scout Summer Camp
19.08.24	Scout Summer Camp
29.08.24	Scout Summer Camp
30.08.24	Scout summer Camp
30.09.24	Scout Summer Camp
02.10.24	Cubs Museum Trip
03.10.24	Scout badges
28.10.24	Scout Halloween Party
28.10.24	
28.10.24	Scout Halloween Party
29.10.24	Cubs Halloween Party
18.11.24	Petty Cash Cubs/Beavers
05.12.24	Scouts outing - Deposit
09.12.24	Christmas Crafts
09.12.24	Scouts outing Balance
16.12.24	Scouts Christmas Party
16.12.24	Scouts Christmas Party
17.01.25	Scouts Computer Equip
29.01.25	Cubs Bowling

29.01.25	Online Youth Manager
31.01.25	Banking
04.02.25	EA Refund
07.02.25	Cub petty cash
28.02.25	Banking
31.03.25	Banking
31.03.25	Group supplies

30.04.24	Banking
31.05.24	Banking
30.06.24	Banking
31.07.24	Banking
31.08.24	Banking
29.09.24	Banking
31.10.24	Banking
30.11.24	Banking
29.12.24	Banking

29.07.24	Online



16.07.23	EA Funding
2024/25	Summer Camp
14.11.24	Cash Dep
14.11.24	Easy fundraising

The 4th Carrickfergus Scouts 2024/2025

Outgoings	
Simply Pizza	£ 47.00
Tesco	£51.70
Glasgow Scout Shop	£175.75
Amazon	£12.98
Amazon	£152.91
Reimbursement B Patton	£113.00
Omniplex	£135.00
Amazon	£3.29
Reimbursement B Patton	£55.00
Tesco	£20.97
Reimbursement I Boyd	£ 141.00
Reimbursement I Boyd	£ 79.00
Andys Stores - Gas	£ 54.00
Scout Insurance	£ 235.00
Dunns	£ 8.80
Erne Bistro	£ 186.25
Tesco	£ 14.56
Scouting Ireland	£ 275.52
Reimbursement Clare Mitchell	£ 68.55
Reimbursement I Boyd	£ 290.00
Reimbursement B Patton	£ 20.00
Scout Shop	£ 178.00
Simply Pizza	£ 51.00
Amazon	£ 77.98
Tesco	£ 14.30
Reimbursement B Patton	£ 30.00
Cash withdrawal	£ 300.00
Glengormley Sports Bowl	£ 50.00
Amazon	£ 127.78
Glengormley Sports Bowl	£ 80.50
Simply Pizza	£ 53.50
Tesco	£ 24.95
Reimbursement J Mitchell	£ 60.00
Reimbursement E Rajkumar	£ 140.25

OSM	£	96.00
Fees	£	2.80
ineligible expenditure	£	459.49
cash withdrawal	£	150.00
Fees	£	2.65
Fees	£	2.70
Tesco	£	17.85
Sub-total	£	4,060.03

Postal/Banking Fees		
Fees	£	3.25
Fees	£	2.55
Fees	£	2.86
Fees	£	2.90
Fees	£	2.65
Fees	£	2.70
Fees	£	2.90
Fees	£	3.05
Fees	£	2.86
Sub-total	£	25.72

OSM - Online Youth Manager (Online Sytem)		
Automatic Renewal	£	72.50
sub-total	£	72.50

Total Expenditure	£	4,158.25
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Income

General Income

	£	-
Troop Funding	£	1,600.00
Payments for Camp bank transfers	£	950.00
Sale of scarves	£	30.00
transfer	£	15.72
Sub-total	£	2,595.72

Membership	
Membership Fees	£ 75.00
Membership Fees	£ 1,555.00
Sub-total	£ 1,630.00
Total Income	£ 4,225.72
Balance c/f @ 01/04/2024	£ 1,733.44
Income	£ 4,225.72
Less Expenditure	£ 4,158.25
Closing Balance @ 31/03/2025	£ 1,800.91

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17.04.23	Easter Camp
17.04.2023	Easter Camp
18.04.23	Easter Camp
18.04.23	Easter Camp
06.05.23	Beaver
18.05.23	Uniform
22.05.23	Beaver
30.05.23	Cub
18.06.23	Troop Capitation
19.06.23	Scout Party
18.07.23	Troop Advertising
31.07.23	Deposit - Summer Camp
14.08.23	Summer Camp
14.08.23	Summer Camp
15.08.23	Summer Camp
16.08.23	Summer Camp
16.08.23	Summer Camp
16.08.23	Summer Camp
17.08.23	Summer Camp
29.09.23	Scarves Troop
11.10.23	Troop badges etc
30.10.23	Scout Party
30.10.23	Scout Party
13.11.23	Beaver
13.11.23	Cub
08.12.23	Scout Party
18.12.23	Scout Party
09.02.24	Camp Equipment
09.02.24	Badges
01.03.24	Troop Capitation
04.03.24	Beavers Crafts
05.03.24	Beavers Crafts
05.03.24	Badges
19.03.24	Troop Easter Eggs
21.03.24`	Heat/Light
25.03.24	Scout Sports Supplies

25.03.24	Flag holder - Beavers
25.03.24	Scout Sports Supplies
25.03.24	Scouts Ropes
25.03.24	Badges
25.03.24	Scout Party

28.04.23	Banking
31.05.23	Banking
30.06.23	Banking
31.07.23	Banking
31.08.23	Banking
29.09.23	Banking
31.10.23	Banking
30.11.23	Banking
29.12.23	Banking
31.01.24	Banking
29.02.24	Banking
28.03.24	Banking

27.07.23	Online
18.01.24	



18.04.23	Donations
2023/2024	Summer Camp
05.04.2023	Badges
01.12.23	EA Funding
15.03.24	EA Funding

Income & Expenditure 4th Carrickfergus

Outgoings	
Spar	£ 16.08
Super Chippy	£17.50
Tesco	£108.16
NI Scout Centre	£202.50
Petty Cash Withdrawal	£100.00
Glasgow Scout Shop	£16.75
Petty Cash Withdrawal	£30.00
Petty Cash Withdrawal	£100.00
SE Antrim Scout	£1,701.00
Simply Pizza	£55.70
Vistaprint	£ 12.93
NI Scout Ctr	£ 100.00
Tesco	£ 130.56
Super Chippy	£ 34.80
The red berry	£ 21.00
Omniplex	£ 140.90
NI Railways	£ 15.75
Super Chippy	£ 28.80
NI Scout Ctr	£ 240.50
Reimbursement S Wilson	£ 225.00
Glasgow Scout Shop	£ 57.75
Simply Pizza	£ 48.50
Tesco	£ 5.70
Petty Cash Withdrawal	£ 100.00
Petty Cash Withdrawal	£ 100.00
Tesco	£ 74.03
Simply Pizza	£ 75.50
Reimbursement I Boyd	£ 282.30
Reimbursement I Boyd	£ 55.74
SE Amtrim Scout	£ 1,660.00
Amazon	£ 106.29
Baker Ross	£ 92.05
Glasgow Scout Shop	£ 133.04
Tesco	£ 109.35
Donation St Nicholas Church	£ 400.00
Amazon	£ 66.96

Amazon	£	39.99
Net World Sports	£	60.93
Ropes Direct	£	57.24
Glasgow Scout Shop	£	55.00
Four Star Pizza	£	74.50
Sub-total	£	6,952.80

Postal/Banking Fees		
Fees	£	3.81
Fees	£	3.13
Fees	£	2.85
Fees	£	2.95
Fees	£	2.95
Fees	£	2.75
Fees	£	2.85
Fees	£	3.15
Fees	£	2.80
Fees	£	2.72
Fees	£	2.70
Fees	£	2.70
Sub-total	£	35.36

OSM - Online Youth Manager (Online Sytem)		
Automatic Renewal	£	72.50
Automatic Renewal	£	96.00
sub-total	£	168.50

Total Expenditure	£	7,156.66
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Income

General Income

	£	-
Donation to Scouts (I Boyd)	£	93.50
Payments for Camp	£	1,070.00
Scout shop refund	£	11.25
Troop Funding	£	1,600.00
Troop Funding	£	785.00
Sub-total	£	3,559.75

Membership	
Membership Fees	£ 2,689.00
Sub-total	£ 2,689.00
Bank Interest	
	£ -
Sub-total	£ -
Total Income	£ 6,248.75
Balance c/f @ 01/04/2023	£ 2,620.35
Income	£ 6,248.75
Less Expenditure	£ 7,156.66
Closing Balance @ 31/03/2024	£ 1,712.44



Bank transfers
Overcharge on badges



Membership Fees		Camp Payments	
	120		10
	45		20
	170		20
	24		5
	75		10
	40		20
	25		20
	50		25
	25		10
	40		20
	75		25
	25		75
	40		25
	120		25
	75		25
	120		25
	170		75
	75		25
	50		75
	40		25
	120		25
	25		50
	120		50
	40		50
	70		50
	5		50
	75		50
	40		50
	75		35
	62.5		50
	60		50
	75		1070
	75		
	75		
	35		
	75		
	37.5		
	120		
	25		
	75		
	2689		

4th Carrickfergus Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103859

Annual report

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Period: 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Charity Name: 4th Carrickfergus Scout Group

Registered Charity Number: 103859

Governing Document

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Constitution

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

Trustee selection Methods

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

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Executive ensures that all activities are undertaken in accordance with the Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules.

All leaders are members of the Scout Association and as such have a valid Access NI check and are covered by the Scout Association national accident insurance policy. Risk assessments are undertaken for all activities.

Objectives

The objectives of the Group are as a unit of the Scout Association. The Aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of the 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. It is achieved by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together 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
- Undertaken new and challenging activities
- Make and live by their promise

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizen or community development headings.

Committee Members

Our group is governed by the Committee Members:

Craig Fairless – Chair
Anne Cole – Treasurer
Lesley Burnside – Secretary

Scouting year 2023– 2024

Our membership numbers were reduced when compared to the previous year, because of the pandemic. We had a total of 40 members. The Group has struggled to develop numbers due to the impact of the pandemic.

Training Programme and awards

Training was delivered enthusiastically across all sections with members achieving the top awards in each section. Our weekly programmes, both indoors and outdoors are designed to help mould our young members into useful, responsible and independent citizens.

Beavers – Age range 6 to 8 years: 3 Leaders, 2 young leaders and 2 volunteers from Explorers

Beavers work on a variety of activity and challenge badges culminating in the presentation of Chief Scout Bronze awards after which they move up to Cubs in a 'Swimming Up' ceremony to which parents are invited.

In September beavers spent time getting to know each other and learning the Beaver Promise, and took part in the Investiture Ceremony in November 2022, with parents being able to attend.

Some of this year's activities included a visit from a fireman teaching Thumbs up for Monday and a closer look at a fireman's uniform, District Bowling event, Christmas decorations, pantomime and Christmas party.

After Christmas they spend time learning about healthy eating and hobbies, completing their Faith badges and attending the District Beaver quiz.

The Beavers were awarded badges for the tasks they completed, and we have awarded over 20 activity badges ranging from Animal Friend to Sports.

Cubs – Age range 7 ½ to 10½: 4 Leaders

Cubs had a busy year taking part in lots of badge work, competitions and visits. In November, we were delighted to welcome parents to attend the Cubs Investiture and swimming up ceremony. During the good weather, we took the Cubs to the park. We also had a fancy dress party, a visit to bowling.

Scouts – Age range 10½ to 14½: 2 leaders

The Scouts had a very busy time during this period undertaking lots of badge work such as knots and lashings and first aid. Some of our Scouts attended the Summer Camp in August 2022.

Explorer Scouts – Age range 14½ to 18: 1 leader

During the Summer break Explorers were invited to take part in Belfast Pride and we were delighted to be able to represent both 4th Carrick and SE Antrim District. Badge work for Explorer Scouts includes working towards proficiency badges and awards including Chief Scout Platinum, Diamond and Queen's Scout. Topics covered include map and compass, knots and lashings, presentations, cooking, debating and community projects.

The Explorer Scouts took part in a wide variety of mid-week / weekend events including Young Leader training, bowling, cinema trip and movie night.

Finance

The Group is funded by fees from each of its youth members, and an annual grant from the Education Authority.

Extra events are supported directly from the parents of members and occasional fundraising activities.

Financial Review

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees

Signature	Suzanne Wilson
Position	Group Scout Leader
Date	31 st March 2024

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Annual return

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF 4TH CARRICKFERGUS SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of the above Charity for the year ended 31st March 2023 which are set out in the attached document.

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 the aforementioned Directions determined by the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland. 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 roles 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 no 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 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.

Name	Karen MacLeod
Signature	Karen MacLeod
Address	9 Meadow Park, Carrickfergus, BT38 9ER
Date	20.04.24

4th Carrickfergus Scout Group

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Accounts



		Beavers
13.05.22		NIR - Beaver Rally Day
13.05.22		Beaver Rally Day NI Scout Council
23.05.22		Petty Cash
23.01.23		Petty Cash
		Sub-total

		Cubs
03.10.22		Petty Cash
06.12.22		Petty Cash
		Sub-total

		Scouts & Explorers
16.06.22		Scarves
20.06.22		Tesco
28.07.22		Amazon
28.07.22		Amazon
01.08.22		NI Railways
16.08.22		Summer Camp
17.10.22		Belfast Giants Game
31.10.22		Tesco
31.10.22		Simply Pizza
07.11.22		NI Scout Council - Big Sleep Out
07.11.22		NI Scout Council - Big Sleep Out
19.12.22		Simply Pizza
16.01.23		NI Scout Council Young Leader Course
20.03.23		Easter Camp Deposit
		Sub-total

		Postal/Banking Fees
29.04.22		Fees

31.05.22		Fees
30.06.22		Fees
29.07.22		Fees
31.08.22		Fees
30.09.22		Fees
31.10.22		Fees
29.11.22		Amendment
30.11.22		Fees
30.12.22		Fees
31.01.23		Fees
28.02.23		Fees
31.03.23		Fees
		Sub-total

		OSM - Online Youth Manager (Online Sytem)
26.07.22		Automatic Renewal
18.01.23		Automatic Renewal
18.01.23		Automatic Renewal
18.01.23		Automatic Renewal
		sub-total

		Miscellaneous
13.04.21		PPE/Covid Cleaning Materials
16.05.22		Scout Badges for all sections
01.08.22		NI Scout Council
01.08.22		Badges for all sections
01.08.22		Badges for all sections
05.08.22		PPE/Covid Cleaning Materials
19.08.22		Brand IQ - N2 Visual
19.08.22		Home Bargains
15.09.22		Badges for all sections
10.10.22		Badges for all sections
08.11.22		Badge Storage Boxes
14.11.22		Badges for all sections
15.11.22		Badges for all sections
21.11.22		Selection Boxes for all sections
22.12.22		Scarves for all section
23.12.22		Tents
09.03.23		Badges for all sections
13.03.23		Badges - cubs

26.03.23		Donation to Church
28.03.23		Easter Eggs
31.03.23		Badges -Beavers
		Sub-total

Total Expenditure



		Summer Camp Aug 2022
12.08.22		Payment for attending Camp
09.09.22		Late Camp Payment
		Sub-total

		Scarves
		Sub-total

		Membership
29.11.23		Membership Fees
08.03.23		Membership Fees
2022/2023		Membership Fees
		Sub-total

		Easter Camp Payments
01/03/2023		Easter Camp Payments
		Sub-total

		Scouts Exp Misc
18.08.22		Sum Up
		Scouts Exp Big Sleep out
12.01.23		Scout Contribution to Young Leader

16.01.23		Scout Contribution to Young Leader
		Sub-total

		Fundraising
24.02.23		Stay Awake - Sponsored
08.03.23		Stay Awake - Sponsored
		Sub-total
		Bank Interest
		Interest
		Interest
		Sub-total

Total Income

Balance c/f @ 01/04/2022

Income

Less Expenditure

Closing Balance @ 31/03/2023

Expenditure Unreconciled and Carried Forward

District Fees Cheque

Not cashed

Outgoings 2022/23

£	40.55	
£	36.00	
£	100.00	Cash Withdrawal
£	100.00	Cash Withdrawal
£	276.55	

£	100.00	Cash Withdrawal
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£	200.00	
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£	60.00	Cheque 200226
£	32.87	Party Night
£	38.97	Pride Regalia
£	21.98	Pride Regalia
£	28.80	Pride
£	1,167.94	Total Camp Costs
£	340.00	Cash Withdrawal - reimburs SW
£	29.25	Halloween Party
£	50.00	Halloween Party
£	75.00	Sleep Out
£	75.00	Catering for Sleep Out
£	62.40	Christmas Night
£	80.00	2 Scouts taking part
£	30.00	Crawfordsburn
£	2,092.21	

£	3.01	

£	2.60	
£	3.00	
£	2.91	
£	2.80	
£	3.30	
£	3.00	
£	10.00	
£	2.90	
£	3.73	
£	2.65	
£	2.95	
£	2.60	
£	45.45	

	72.50	
	89.20	
	22.30	
	44.60	
	228.6	

£	17.16	
£	36.45	Discover Outdoors Scout Shop
£	8.00	
£	242.75	Scout Shop
£	5.85	Glasgow Scout Shop
£	15.80	
£	38.81	Flyers for each section
£	17.96	Storage for Scout Equipment
£	80.00	Scout Shop
£	12.00	Glasgow Scout Shop
£	37.98	Amazon
£	87.00	Scout Shop
£	30.00	Scout Shop
£	77.95	Cadburys
£	245.00	Scout Shop
£	393.05	Reimbursement Iboyd
£	13.30	Scout Shop
£	41.90	Scout Shop

£	150.00	Heat/Light
£	34.00	Tesco
£	101.75	Scout Shop
£	1,686.71	

£ 4,529.52

Income 2021/22

£	-	
£	715.00	
£	45.00	
£	760.00	

£	-	
£	-	

£	241.00	Cash Payments
£	60.00	
£	2,540.00	Bank Transfers
£	2,841.00	

£	165.00	Bank Transfers
£	165.00	

£	0.98	Test to check Sum up working
£	75.00	
£	20.00	

£	20.00	
£	115.98	

£	10.00	Bank transfer
£	332.00	Cash Deposit
£	342.00	
£	-	
£	-	
£	-	

£ 3,881.98

£ 2,554.39
£ 3,881.98
£ 4,529.52
£ 1,906.85

£1,701.00



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Training was delivered enthusiastically across all sections with many members achieving the top awards in each section. Our weekly programmes, both indoors and outdoors are designed to help mould our young members into useful, responsible and independent citizens.

Beavers – Age range 6 to 8 years: 3 Leaders, 2 young leaders and 2 volunteers from Explorers

Beavers work on a variety of activity and challenge badges culminating in the presentation of Chief Scout Bronze awards after which they move up to Cubs in a 'Swimming Up' ceremony to which parents are invited.

In September beavers spent time getting to know each other and learning the Beaver Promise, and took part in the Investiture Ceremony in November 2022, with parents being able to attend – the first since before the pandemic.

Some of this year's activities included a visit from a fireman teaching Thumbs up for Monday and a closer look at a fireman's uniform, District Bowling event, District Forest Fitness Fun Day Christmas decorations, pantomime and Christmas party.

After Christmas they spend time learning about healthy eating and hobbies, completing their Faith badges and attending the District Beaver quiz.

The Beavers were awarded badges for the tasks they completed, and we have awarded over 20 activity badges ranging from Animal Friend to Sports.

Cubs – Age range 7 ½ to 10½: 5 Leaders

Cubs had a busy year taking part in lots of badge work, competitions and visits.



In November, we were delighted to welcome parents to attend the Cubs Investiture and swimming up ceremony. During the good weather, we took the Cubs to the park. We also had a fancy dress party, attended the district bowling competition, district 5-a-side football.

Scouts – Age range 10½ to 14½: 3 leaders

The Scouts had a very busy time during this period undertaking lots of badge work such as knots and lashings, attending Kinnegar Barracks for the army mechanic badge and first aid. A groups of Scouts represented 4th Carrickfergus in the District Archery competition. Some of our Scouts attended the Summer Camp in August 2022.

Scouts were delighted to take part in the Scout NI Big Sleep Out in Crawfordsburn to raise funds for the Simon Community.

Explorer Scouts – Age range 14½ to 18: 1 leader

During the Summer break Explorers were invited to take part in Belfast Pride and we were delighted to be able to represent both 4th Carrick and SE Antrim District.

The Explorers attended the District Youth Forum camp in Lisburn Forest in October 22 and attended the Scout NI Big Sleep Out with the Scouts in November 22.

Badge work for Explorer Scouts includes working towards proficiency badges and awards including Chief Scout Platinum, Diamond and Queen’s Scout. Topics covered include map and compass, knots and lashings, presentations, cooking, debating and community projects. The Explorer Scouts took part in a wide variety of mid-week / weekend events including Young Leader training, bowling, cinema trip and movie night.

Finance

The Group is funded by fees from each of its youth members, and an annual grant from the Education Authority.

Extra events are supported directly from the parents of members and occasional fundraising activities.

Financial Review

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity’s trustees

Signature	Suzanne Wilson
Position	Group Scout Leader
Date	31 st March 2023



4th Carrickfergus Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103859

Annual return

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF 4TH CARRICKFERGUS SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of the above Charity for the year ended 31st March 2023 which are set out in the attached document.

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 the aforementioned Directions determined by the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland. 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 roles 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 no 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 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.

Name	Karen MacLeod
Signature	Karen MacLeod
Address	9 Meadow Park, Carrickfergus, BT38 9ER
Date	01.05.23

