



40th Belfast Scout Group

Group Report 2024-2025

Purpose of Charity:

Promoting the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Names of Charity Trustees:

David Scott, Chair
Alastair Rankin, Treasurer
Laura Landi
Gillian Rankin, Group Lead Volunteer

Summary of main activities

All sections of the group have flourished with 11 Squirrel Scouts, 14 Beaver Scouts and 13 Cub Scouts participating in activities throughout the year. The beaver colony welcomed Craig McKeown as a volunteer team member and the cub pack welcomed Joost Dessing as a volunteer team member.

During 2024 the Squirrels took part in the Scouts UK Pilot for the Squirrel YouShape Award, they chose a castle theme culminating in an enjoyable family event. They celebrated Holi, Easter and Eid and the work of real life superheroes in the emergency services. The drey took part in the new ScoutsUK Earth Tribe for Squirrels and celebrated World Bee Day. They attended Lagan District events and have been awarded activity and challenge badges with a number of squirrels gaining their Chief Scout Acorn Award.

The Beaver Colony have enjoyed an active year. They enjoyed an Olympic themed camp in June taking part in outdoor activities including canoeing. They have participated in district activities and took part in first aid and science evenings. Two beavers obtained their Chief Scout bronze award.

The Cub Pack have had a busy year taking part in activities such as caving, archery, bushcraft and climbing. They have camped at Ardnally Scout Centre enjoying

scavenger hunts, woodland walks and games. Trips have included visits to Ikea, Stormont and W5.

All sections are grateful for the support and assistance of parents and volunteer team members and to the leadership team for their care and inspiration.

Review of financial position

Group income amounted to £4,363 including a grant of £1,050 from the Fountainville Trust. Group expenditure amounted to £5,506 including the purchase of a gazebo, three flasks and 15 scarves. As a result, the balance at the bank reduced from £9,415 to £8,272.

Public Benefit Statement

In carrying out their duties this year, the Trustees have had regard to the Commission's public benefit statement. The Group provides scouting activities for children aged 4 to 10 1/2 which offer educational and physical activities to help children learn and develop.

The benefit which flows from our purpose is that young people are empowered to make a positive contribution to society through being engaged and supported in their personal development, including physically, intellectually, socially and spiritually.

This benefit is demonstrated through Scouting making a positive impact in our communities; preparing young people to be active citizens, embracing and contributing to social change; being as diverse as the communities in which we operate. These are evidenced by feedback from our beneficiaries and the wider community.

There is no harm arising from our purposes. Scouting operates within a framework of safety.

Gillian Rankin
Group Lead Volunteer 40th Belfast Scout Group