

# 1st Ballymacash Scout Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103867

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2015-09-09

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**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:** Cultural, Sport/recreation, Volunteer development, Youth development

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

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£16,084	£16,461	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Charlotte		
Mr John G Clarke		
Mr Jonathan Farmer		
Mr Michael Conn		
Mr Noel Irwin		
Mrs Emma Moriarty		
Mrs Linda Walker		
Ms Sharon Mcknight		

**1st Ballymacash Scout Group**

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# Accounts

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# 1st BALLYMACASH SCOUT GROUP

Charity Reg number **NIC 103867**

## Receipts and payments accounts



For the Period

**1st April 2024- 31st March 2025**

### Receipts and payments

	No 1 Account		No2 Account		TOTAL FUNDS		Last year	
	to the nearest £		to the nearest £		to the nearest £		to the nearest £	
<b>Receipts</b>								
Members Subscriptions	£	7,625	£	-	£	7,625	£	8,150
Fundraising Activities	£	310	£	-	£	310	£	1,510
Camps, activities	£	2,845	£	-	£	2,845	£	2,686
HMRC Gift Aid	£	1,819	£	-	£	1,819	£	1,107
Payment for equipment	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	325
Donations/Grants	£	2,975	£	500	£	3,475	£	6,443
Interest	£	-	£	10	£	10	£	5
<b>Total receipts</b>	£	<b>15,574</b>	£	<b>510</b>	£	<b>16,084</b>	£	<b>20,226</b>
<b>Payments</b>								
Cost of fundraising events, gifts paid	£	1,813	£	199	£	2,012	£	1,687
Donations made to others	£	110	£	-	£	110	£	-
Sections expenses	£	379	£	-	£	379	£	180
Camps, activities etc	£	8,319	£	-	£	8,319	£	5,137
Other costs, badges etc	£	1,215	£	-	£	1,215	£	4,483
Capitation fees	£	4,165	£	-	£	4,165	£	3,637
Payment from Donation re Fees	£	-	£	60	£	60	£	15
Bank fees	£	54	£	-	£	54	£	45
Refund of Subscription	£	147	£	-	£	147	£	-
Jamboree payments	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	1,000
<b>Total payments</b>	£	<b>16,202</b>	£	<b>259</b>	£	<b>16,461</b>	£	<b>16,184</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	-£	<b>628</b>	£	<b>251</b>	-£	<b>377</b>	£	<b>4,042</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	£	<b>6,787</b>	£	<b>558</b>	£	<b>7,345</b>	£	<b>3,303</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	£	<b>6,159</b>	£	<b>809</b>	£	<b>6,968</b>	£	<b>7,345</b>
<b>ACCOUNT CLOSING BALANCE</b>	£	<b>6,159</b>	£	<b>809</b>	£	<b>6,968</b>	£	<b>7,345</b>

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees 11/08/2025

	Signature	Date
Linda Walker (Treasurer)		10/07/2025
Jonathan Farmer (Chairperson)		11/08/2025

# 1st BALLYMACASH SCOUT GROUP

Charity Reg number **NIC 103867**

## Statements of Assets and Liabilities

at period end

**31st March 2025**

### Receipts and payments

**Total Funds**  
to the nearest £

#### Funds Reconciliation

Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.25	£	6,968
surplus/(deficit) this year end		-
<b>Cash at bank &amp; in hand 31.03.25</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>6,968</b>

#### Bank & Cash Balances

Bank No 1 account	£	6,159
Bank No 2 account	£	809
Cash at hand	£	-
	<b>£</b>	<b>6,968</b>

#### Other Assets

Play/store equipment (estimated value)	£	600
Tents/camping equipment (estimated value)	£	850
Member fees due	£	1,540
Gift aid accrued on donations at year end	£	-
	<b>£</b>	<b>2,990</b>

#### Liabilities

	<b>£</b>	<b>-</b>

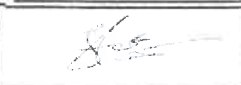
Signature

Linda Walker (Treasurer)



10/07/2025

Jonathan Farmer (Chairperson)



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# Accounts

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Charity Reg number **NIC 103867**

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the Period

**1st April 2023- 31st March 2024**

### Receipts and payments

	No 1 Account		No2 Account		TOTAL FUNDS		Last year	
	to the nearest £		to the nearest £		to the nearest £		to the nearest £	
<b>Receipts</b>								
Members Subscriptions	£	8,150	£	-	£	8,150	£	7,186
Youth Council contribution	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	619
Fundraising Activities	£	1,450	£	60	£	1,510	£	200
Camps, activities	£	2,686	£	-	£	2,686	£	2,257
HMRC Gift Aid	£	1,107	£	-	£	1,107	£	-
Payment for equipment	£	325	£	-	£	325	£	57
Transfer from No 2 A/C	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-
Donations/Grants	£	5,893	£	550	£	6,443	£	225
Jamboree receipts	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-
Closure of old Bank a/c	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	1,022
Interest	£	-	£	5	£	5	£	1
<b>Total receipts</b>	£	<b>19,611</b>	£	<b>615</b>	£	<b>20,226</b>	£	<b>11,567</b>



### Payments

Cost of fundraising events, gifts paid	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-
Sections expenses	£	1,500	£	187	£	1,687	£	-
Camps, activities etc	£	5,137	£	-	£	5,137	£	5,642
Other costs, badges etc	£	4,483	£	-	£	4,483	£	1,536
Capitation fees	£	3,637	£	-	£	3,637	£	3,555
Payment from Donation re Fees	£	-	£	15	£	15	£	105
Bank fees	£	45	£	-	£	45	£	53
Refund of Subscription	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-
Jamboree payments	£	1,000	£	-	£	1,000	£	-
<b>Total payments</b>	£	<b>15,982</b>	£	<b>202</b>	£	<b>16,184</b>	£	<b>11,387</b>

<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	£	<b>3,629</b>	£	<b>413</b>	£	<b>4,042</b>	£	<b>180</b>
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<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	£	<b>3,158</b>	£	<b>145</b>	£	<b>3,303</b>	£	<b>3,123</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	£	<b>6,787</b>	£	<b>558</b>	£	<b>7,345</b>	£	<b>3,303</b>
<b>ACCOUNT CLOSING BALANCE</b>	£	<b>6,787</b>	£	<b>558</b>	£	<b>7,345</b>	£	<b>3,303</b>

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

	Signature	Date
Linda Walker (Treasurer)		02/08/2024
Jonathan Farmer (Chairperson)		02/12/2024

# 1st BALLYMACASH SCOUT GROUP

Charity Reg number **NIC 103867**

## Statements of Assets and Liabilities

at period end

**31st March 2024**

### Receipts and payments

**Total Funds**  
to the nearest £

#### Funds Reconciliation

Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.24	£	7,345
surplus/(deficit) this year end		-
<b>Cash at bank &amp; in hand 31.03.24</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>7,345</b>

#### Bank & Cash Balances

Bank No 1 account	£	6,787
Bank No 2 account	£	558
Cash at hand	£	-
	<b>£</b>	<b>7,345</b>

#### Other Assets

Play/store equipment (estimated value)	£	650
Tents/camping equipment (estimated value)	£	950
Member fees due	£	768
Gift aid accrued on donations at year end	£	-
	<b>£</b>	<b>2,368</b>

#### Liabilities

	<b>£</b>	<b>-</b>

Approved by the trustees on

Linda Walker (Treasurer)

Signature

 02/08/2024

Jonathan Farmer (Chairperson)



02/012/2024

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# Annual report

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**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**  
For the Period 2023/24

**1st Ballymacash Scout Group**  
Charity Reg number: NIC 103867

**Trustees Annual Report**  
**1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ballymacash Scout Group–based at:**

St Marks Church, Ballymacash Road, Lisburn, BT28 3EZ

**Current charity trustees, acting for the whole year:**

Margaret Irwin (Group Scout Leader)

Jonny Farmer (Chairperson)

Linda Walker (Treasurer)

Emma Moriarity (Secretary)

Noel Irwin (Assistant Group Scout Leader and Cub Scout Leader)

Victoria McMahon (Squirrel Scout Leader)

Sharon McKnight (Beaver Scout Leader)

Michael Conn (Scout Leader)

John G Clarke (Explorer Scout Leader)

**Governing Document**

Scout Association Royal Charter and supplemental Charters

**Our purpose**

The purpose of Scouting is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development as individuals and as responsible citizens, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

## **Public and private beneficiaries**

### **Public Benefit Statement**

*1. 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. 2. 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. 3. There is no harm arising from our purposes. Scouting operates within a framework of safety to enable young people to take part in adventurous activities safely. 4. Scouting's beneficiaries are children and young people. 5. The only private benefit from this purpose is that Adult Volunteers are trained to deliver the programme, but this is incidental and necessary because it is needed to operate in today's society working with young people*

## **Public benefit arising from activities**

Throughout the year each section has enjoyed taking part in various activities that concentrate on the overall development of each member

## **Summary of activities and achievements**

### **Squirrels**

Squirrels had a busy programme in 2023/24 with an average of XXXXX children attending each week. Some of the programme highlights include; pea shoots growing, superhero night, animal day, promise night, Christmas Gruffalo walk, worms and compost, Aviation society night, challenge award, world space and games nights.

A huge thank you to all the Squirrels leaders XXXX for helping deliver the programme to all Squirrels.

### **Beavers**

Beavers had a full programme in 2023/24 with an average of 24 children each week with five leaders. We completed a range of activities to achieve a range of badges; Emergency Aid stage 1 badge, International, space, experiment, money skills, hobbies and personal safety activity badges. We worked towards the My world, my skills and teamwork challenge awards. We enjoyed visits from Scottish dancers and Harry Ferguson Memorial Pipe Band who helped us celebrate Burns night as part of international badge. Our visit to Lisburn Fire Station and the Library were very enjoyable. In April this year many of our beavers took part in their first St Georges Parade. In May we had a great day out at Beaver Rally Day in Crawsfordburn Scout Centre where the theme was Our World. In August we held our summer day camp at Lisburn District Woodland where we spent the day practising our woodwork skills and putting up tents before a campfire and home.

Thanks to our ever committed Beaver leaders Gillian, Natalie, Erin, Michael and Katie for their support and help in planning and delivering the programme throughout the year.

### **Cubs**

The Cub Scouts had a busy 2023/24 with an average weekly attendance of over 23 children and 3 leaders during which some 393 activity and challenge badges were awarded as part of our varied badge programme, these included; Artists, Athletes, Athletes Plus, Communications, DIY, Entertainers Hobbies, Home Help, Home Safety, Local Knowledge Personal Safety, Road Safety, Sportsman Activity Badges alongside of the Air Activities, Hikes Away , Nights Away, Musician and Swimmers Staged Activity Badges and the Adventure, Personal and Teamwork Challenge Badges. Additionally, the Pack took part in all 3 District Cub events, winning both the Quiz and Indoor Football Competitions and 3rd in the District Multisports event. We had Camps to Crawfordsburn in the Summer of 2023 along with a winter overnight stay in Gosford Forest Park in February 2024. The Pack also held outings to Lisburn Bowling Alley, Clip n Climb (Dundonald Ice Bowl), the Ulster Aviation Society, Lisburn Cinema and an Orienteering event with 44<sup>th</sup> Belfast Cubs around Hillsborough Forest Park. Each Cub took part in 4 hikes.

Thanks to Ian, Reuben and Noel alongside Young Leader Joshua Parkes for their ongoing dedication and commitment.

## Scouts

The Scouts had on average 30 Scouts per night, keeping us very busy. Scouts earned 317 badges including: My Faith, Local Knowledge, Fundraising, Fire Safety and Astronomer. Scouts also earned some of the Challenge Awards such as, Teamwork, Personal, Creative and Adventure Challenge badges. In April 2023, Scouts headed away for the weekend, being hosted very kindly by 1st Randalstown Scout Group in their halls. ~~Scouts worked together in patrols to cook, clean up and set up for each meal.~~ Activities included archery, uni-hoc, team games, treasure hunt around the town and litter pick-up in Randalstown Forest, finishing at the shores of Lough Neagh a movie night and Scouts Sunday service. Other highlights include; Astronomy Dome from Armagh Planetarium enabled all sections to discover the wonders of the solar system in an interactive and immersive experience, we celebrated the Coronation with a family treasure hunt in Wallace Park, at Dagger Wood undertook our Astronomer badge and installed some new homes for the wildlife, participated in Trash for Trash event at Wallace Park. A further highlight was our Jerry Can Challenge in mid-May as part of their Global Awareness badge, carrying jerry cans of water to gain an understanding of the difficulties experienced in some countries to have the basic necessities of life every day. Our Theipval Barracks trip took us through problem solving and field tasks with the Army. Scouts also got to use the climbing wall, racing to the top and abseiling back down again, which was a very enjoyable sunny evening.

We also had a night of tomahawk and angel throwing in the Woodland at Dagger Road and enjoyed our Awards Night in the middle of the month in the hall with all sections. Mia Millen-Vignon was awarded Scout of the Year with Ellie Farmer being awarded the new Endeavour Award. The Scouts then got their kit packed up and headed to Crawfordsburn for T.O.E. (The Outdoor Experience) camp. We had an excellent weekend with Scout and Guide groups from all over Ireland at the site, with Scouts being bused out to activities at the Belfast Activity Centre, Bangor and the shores of Belfast Lough. Scouts enjoyed a wide variety of activities including, rafting, caving, climbing, abseiling, archery, bungee runs, shooting, drumming and a compulsory campfire.

To start in September 2023 we had our Hammock Camp in the Woodland. Closely followed by Moving Up in the hall when patrol leaders worked with their patrols on quizzes and challenges as we got to know the new Scouts. All new recruits had to "Walk the Rope." Further highlights include NIE visit who taught Scouts about electricity, especially aspects around safety, Fire Station visit to help understand more about how this emergency service works – getting up close and personal to the fire engines and a little wet with the hoses! Pioneering tasks included creating catapults and learn basic pioneering skills throughout. We were hosted by our neighbours in Elmwood PC youth club where everyone enjoyed the table tennis, pool, football, uni hoc and the tuck-shop! For Christmas, Victoria lead a session when the Scouts made felt robins, clay ornaments and Christmas cards and we had our Christmas Dinner night, with a night of traditional games and a full Christmas dinner – with Santa making an appearance. Made for More, a Christian charity who encouraged us

to think about our identity and our faith provided a fun, interactive night, full of team challenges, individual games and thought-provoking message. Patrols continued their Creative Challenge award by building iconic landmarks out of junk, with the Eiffel Tower winning the competition. The new gas cookers enabled Scouts to learn how to use them and cooked pancakes in patrols. The Linen Hall museum visit, enabled Scouts to learn about local history and try our hand at fabric making. Divis in the Dark and our Sponsored Walk, walking from Holywood to Crawfordsburn and back again – all in aid of the Cancer Fund for Children was a huge success, the Scouts raised an impressive £1500 for the charity. We spent lots of time working improving our map skills to prepare our Gold Award Scouts for their Expedition and teach the new Scouts some of the basics. We finished off the month by earning our Librarian badge and had an enjoyable afternoon at Lisburn Library learning about how the library organises books, how to conduct research and a tour of the facilities.

It has been another busy 12 months for the Scouts, with a variety of activities from being outdoors on camps, to learning new skills and helping our local community. A huge thank you to Michale, Mark, Carol, Victoria and Eloise for making Scouting everything it should be.

## **Explorers**

Explorers have had a very busy year throughout 23/24. They were enabled to link into the Scouts with activities such as the Planetarium show, Thiepval, putting up tents for the Scouts. The explorers also undertook their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award, which involved map and compass training, sorting tents, preparation for their hikes including food prep, kit prep route planning. Additionally the explorers undertook pumpkin painting, football nights, LED building project, Carol service, bowling, woodland nights with Tomahawks, board game nights, Night at the Woodlands with Maghberry Explorers where they cooked bread, chicken and hot chocolate and participated in the District explorers event at the woodlands. A very busy, active programme, all which would not have been possible without the dedicated leaders of the Explorers section, thank you too; John, Kai, Karen and Ruth.

## **Group**

The Scout Group participated in all District led events and fora. All Sections attended the annual District Christmas Carol Service and annual St George Day Parade and Service. Individual sections within the Group took part in numerous District, County and Northern Ireland organised events. The Group also attended events hosted by our sponsors, St Marks, such as monthly family services, the Remembrance Day service and Christingle service.

We held monthly Group Scout Council meetings each month except for July and August and all of the Sections from Squirrels to Explorers conduct their programmes through the Online Scout Manager system. This included the collection of 2023-24 membership fees and applications for to HMRC for Gift Aid reimbursement.

All adults involved within their Group have completed all aspects of the mandatory training, including First Response, Safety and Safeguarding Training. Thanks must go to all the leadership teams and young leaders who support our Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers in developing a very enjoyable, interesting and diverse programmes. Thank you also to parents who support and encourage not only their own young people but the group. Finally, thank you to St Marks Parish for the use of their premises, as our Group sponsors, allowing us to be a part of the church community, and for working with us to provide opportunities for local young people.

## **Financial Review**

Our Scout Group runs on one main bank account held in the name "1<sup>st</sup> Ballymacash Scout Group Council". All funds held in reserves are for the use of the Group or any section within the Group (Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and the partnered Explorer Unit) for future use in line with the aims and objectives and activities of the Scout Group. The agreed portion held for such use will be subject to the agreement of the Trustees. Subscriptions fees received are acknowledged for the use of that member section. Our funds at the end of March 2024 are in a satisfactory state and there are no debts or funds in deficit.

## **Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the above report, ratified at the Annual General Meeting and signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by

**Jonny Farmer**  
**Chairperson , 1<sup>st</sup> Ballymacash Scout Group**  
**9th December 2024**

**1st Ballymacash Scout Group**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103867

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# Annual return

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# Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of: 1<sup>st</sup> Ballymacash Scout Group

## Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024, which are set out on page 1.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 ("the Act").

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act.

Follow the procedures laid down in the general direction given by the Commission under 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## Independent examiner's statement

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 direction 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 a 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act, or
- that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have completed my examination and I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

*T. Wallace*

Date:

10/12/2024

Name:

Trevor Wallace

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

FCCA

Address:

30 Richmond Avenue

Lisburn

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**1st Ballymacash Scout Group**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103867

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# Accounts

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# 1st BALLYMACASH SCOUT GROUP

Charity Reg number **NIC 103867**

## Receipts and payments accounts

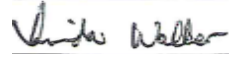

For the Period

**01st April 2022- 31st March 2023**

### Receipts and payments

	No 1 Account		No2 Account		TOTAL FUNDS		Last year	
	to the nearest £		to the nearest £		to the nearest £		to the nearest £	
<b>Receipts</b>								
Members Subscriptions	£	7,186	£	-	£	7,186	£	1,340
Youth Council contribution	£	619	£	-	£	619	£	-
Fundraising Activities	£	200	£	-	£	200	£	-
Camps, activities	£	2,257	£	-	£	2,257	£	124
HMRC Gift Aid	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-
Payment for equipment	£	57	£	-	£	57	£	-
Transfer from No 2 A/C	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-
Donation	£	-	£	225	£	225	£	-
Jamboree receipts	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-
Closure of old Bank a/c	£	1,022	£	-	£	1,022	£	-
Interest	£	-	£	1	£	1	£	3
<b>Total receipts</b>	£	<b>11,341</b>	£	<b>226</b>	£	<b>11,567</b>	£	<b>1,467</b>
<b>Payments</b>								
	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-
Cost of fundraising events, gifts paid	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-
Sections expenses	£	496	£	-	£	496	£	-
Camps, activities etc	£	5,642	£	-	£	5,642	£	1,190
Other costs, badges etc	£	1,536	£	-	£	1,536	£	694
Capitation fees	£	3,555	£	-	£	3,555	£	2,315
Payment from Donation re Fees	£	-	£	105	£	105	£	-
Bank fees	£	53	£	-	£	53	£	24
Refund of Subscription	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-
Jamboree payments	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-
<b>Total payments</b>	£	<b>11,282</b>	£	<b>105</b>	£	<b>11,387</b>	£	<b>4,223</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	£	<b>59</b>	£	<b>121</b>	£	<b>180</b>	-£	<b>2,756</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	£	<b>3,098</b>	£	<b>25</b>	£	<b>3,123</b>	£	<b>5,879</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	£	<b>3,157</b>	£	<b>146</b>	£	<b>3,303</b>	£	<b>3,123</b>
<b>ACCOUNT CLOSING BALANCE</b>	£	<b>3,157</b>	£	<b>146</b>	£	<b>3,303</b>	£	<b>3,123</b>

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

	Signature	Date
Linda Walker (Treasurer)		26/04/2023
Noel Irwin AGSL		26/04/2023

**1st BALLYMACASH SCOUT GROUP**Charity Reg number **NIC 103867****Statements of Assets and Liabilities**

at period end

**31st March 2023****Receipts and payments**Total Funds  
to the nearest £**Funds Reconciliation**

Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.23	£	3,303
surplus/(deficit) this year end		-
<b>Cash at bank &amp; in hand 31.03.23</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>3,303</b>

**Bank & Cash Balances**

Bank No 1 account	£	3,157
Bank No 2 account	£	146
Cash at hand	£	-
	<b>£</b>	<b>3,303</b>

**Other Assets**

Play/store equipment (estimated value)	£	550
Tents/camping equipment (estimated value)	£	3,000
Member fees due	£	853
Gift aid accrued on donations at year end	£	-
	<b>£</b>	<b>4,403</b>

**Liabilities**

Explorers/Sarves ordered/Scouts Kayaking	£	-
		-
	<b>£</b>	<b>-</b>

Approved by the trustees on 26/04/2023

Signature

Linda Walker (Treasurer)



Noel Irwin AGSL



**1st Ballymacash Scout Group**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103867

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# Annual report

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## 1st Ballymacash Scout Group

Charity Reg number: NIC 103867

# Trustees Annual Report

1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

- **1st Ballymacash Scout Group – based at:**

St Marks Church, Ballymacash Road, Lisburn, BT28 3EZ

- **Current charity trustees, acting for the whole year:**

Margaret Irwin (Group Scout Leader)

Linda Walker (Treasurer)

Emma Moriarity (Secretary)

Noel Irwin (Acting Chair and Assistant Group Scout Leader)

John G Clarke (Leader in charge Explorers)

- **Governing Document**

Scout Association Royal Charter and supplemental Charters

- **Our purpose**

The purpose of Scouting is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development as individuals and as responsible citizens, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

- **Public and private beneficiaries**

**Public Benefit Statement**

*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. 2. 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 operates. These are evidenced by feedback from our beneficiaries and the wider community. 3. There is no harm arising from our purposes. Scouting operates within a framework of safety to enable young people to take part in adventurous activities safely. 4. Scouting's beneficiaries are children and young people. 5. The only private benefit from this purpose is that Adult Volunteers are trained to deliver the programme, but this is incidental and necessary because it is needed to operate in today's society working with young people*

- **Public benefit arising from activities**

Throughout the year each section has enjoyed taking part in various activities that concentrate on the overall development of each member

# TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

## For the Period 2022/2023

- **Summary of activities and achievements**

### Squirrels

Having successfully been assimilated into the Scout Group, the Squirrel Drey enjoyed a very successful year during 2022/23, with over 18 children and 2 adult leaders and 2 young leaders and 2 Scouts volunteering as part as DOE attending weekly meetings and taking part in an active, engaging and varied programme.

The Drey worked its way through the new Squirrel Activity Badge Programme.

We have completed,

Challenge Awards

All About Me Challenge Badge

All about adventure

All about me

Just need to earn one more for our Chief Acorn Award.

Badges

Be Active

Brilliant Builder

Exciting Experiments

Explore Outdoors

Feel Good

Get Creative

Go Wild

Let it Grow

Local Superhero

Super Chef

We enjoyed trips to Ardnally Outdoor Activity Centre, Crawfordsburn Activity Scout Centre, Hillhall Presbyterian Church fun day, Geek Retreat, Scout Woodland in Lisburn, Hillsborough Park and the local Fire Station. We celebrated the Kings Coronation in Wallace Park with games, music and cheese and crackers.

Squirrels play an active part in the Scout Group's activities and are looking forward to another good Squirrelling year in 2023/24.

Thanks go to Victoria, Eloise, Charlotte, Evie and young leaders Ruby and Lydia for their great work throughout the year.

### Beavers

The Beaver section had a packed calendar during 2022/23. Their average attendance was 23 Beavers and 4 Leaders. We completed our:

Health and fitness badge

Money Skills badge

Builders badge

Faith badge

Book readers badge

My Skills Challenge Award

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### **For the Period 2022/2023**

We enjoyed visits from NI Chest Heart and Stroke and Monkeytastics who helped us with our health and fitness badge and had a great night at Lisburn Library as part of our Book Readers Badge. We enjoyed a visit from Rev Gibson who helped us complete the faith Badge. A highlight of the programme was a visit from Armagh Planetarium.

On 20 May 2023 the beavers headed off to Beaver Day at Crawsfordsburn scout Centre where the theme was Around the World which was enjoyed by everyone. We also attended the District's Annual St George's Day Parade in Hillhall Presbyterian church.

We had several visits throughout the year to the Lisburn District Woodlands, including a hedgehog themed day camp in October. Our year ended with our day camp at the Woodlands on 5 August where the beaver learned some traditional scouting skills of knot tying and tent pitching; a campfire, s'mores and lots of singing brought a great day to an end.

Thanks go to all the beaver leaders for their constant enthusiasm and help throughout the year.

#### **Cubs**

The Cub Scouts had a particularly busy year during 2022/23. The average weekly attendance was over 25 children and 3 leaders during which some 367 activity and challenge badges were awarded as part of our badge programme.

This included Communications, Home Safety, Personal Safety, Road Safety, Hobbies, Home Help, Sportsman, Athletes Badge and Artist Activity Badges alongside of the Outdoor, Adventure, Team and Global Challenges Badges. The Pack held a Summer Camp in 2022 to Greenhill YMCA alongside a winter camp to Gosford Forest Par. The Pack held outings to Lisburn Bowling Alley, Clip n Climb (Dundonald Ice Bowl), the Ulster Aviation Society, Lisburn Cinema, an Orienteering event with 44<sup>th</sup> Belfast Cubs around Hillsborough Forest Park and took part in three hikes.

Thanks to Ian, Reuben and Noel alongside Young Leader Joshua Parkes has become such an integral part of the leadership team.

#### **Scouts**

The Scout Section had a busy year in 2022/23, during which the average weekly attendance was 25 children, 4 leaders and 3 young leaders.

During the year we completed over 300 activity badges, with 14 Scouts working towards the Chief Scout Gold Award. Badges awarded include Global Awareness, Navigation, Hiking, Mechanics, Nights Away, Craft, DIY, Astronomy, Climbing etc. In addition to the Friday night programme, Scouts got involved with N.I. Events with ten Scouts attending The Big Sleep Out in Crawsfordsburn in aid of the Simon Community and another ten helping at the District "Trash the Trash2 event - collecting a special badge at both events.

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### **For the Period 2022/2023**

Camps and overnights continue to be an important part of our programme. We started the year off with a Hammock Camp at the Lisburn District Woodland, throwing tomahawks, playing games, cooking and campfire activities. The Big Sleep Out involved bivying out under the stars on a chilly November night at Crawfordsburn, while Easter Camp took place in slightly warmer surroundings as we were hosted by Randalstown Scouts in their hall. The Scouts took part in archery, games, a local treasure hunt and a litter collection in Randalstown Forest for Live Here, Love Here. Our year ended with TOE Camp (The Outdoor Experience), held at Crawfordsburn Scout Centre. Scouts camped under canvas for two nights and enjoyed a wide range of activities such as: climbing, shooting, drumming, rafting, abseiling and dodge ball.

Trips and special activities were scattered throughout the year. We had our traditional Walk for Tea along the towpath to McDonalds. We visited the Army twice at Thiepval barracks where Scouts got to learn how to work as a team on various challenges, how to pack a ruck sac for going out on manoeuvres, problem-solving tasks and use the outdoor climbing tower. We had a full Christmas dinner in the hall and Santa even visited the group. In January we had visits from The Gathering Drum and The Astronomy Dome, which brought much excitement for all sections. In March a group of the Scouts visited Belshaws Quarry to carry out environmental work and we enjoyed a Mothers Day walk up both Divis & Black Mt, with parents enjoying the walk too. We celebrated the Kings Coronation with a treasure hunt in Wallace Park and earned a special badge to mark the occasion.

We are looking forward to another fantastic scouting year in 2023/24, with the hopes of our older Scouts achieving their Chief Scouts Gold Award. Thanks to Carol, Victoria, Mark and Michael along with Connor Johnston, Connor Davis and Charlotte McGuicken our young leaders, who provide such an interesting and wide-ranging programme on a weekly basis.

- **Explorers**

The 2022/23 year for explorers has been a busy and changing one. during which the average weekly attendance was over 5 young people children and 3 leaders. During the year, we completed the activity and challenge badges as part of our programme.

We met fortnightly usual fortnightly meetings however between Christmas and Easter run weekly which was useful in completing tasks and working towards badges. We welcomed 2 scouts moving up to explorers and said goodbye to 1 explorer heading off to university.

Thank you to Karen, Gee, Kai and Ruth in facilitating such an interesting and wide-ranging programme.

#### **Group**

The Scout Group participated in District led events attending the annual Christmas Carol Service and St George day parades. In addition, the individual sections within the Group took part in numerous District, County and Northern Ireland organised events. The Group also attended events hosted by our sponsors, St Marks, such as monthly family services, the Remembrance Day service and Christingle service. The Rev Gibson conducted a specially organised St George's Day service involving young people, leader and parents.

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT For the Period 2022/2023

We held monthly Group Scout Council meetings each month except for July and August and all of the Sections from Squirrels to Explorers conduct their business through the Online Scout Manager system , including the collection of membership fees and applications for Gift Aid.

All adults involved within their Group have completed all aspects of the mandatory training, including First Response, Safety and Safeguarding Training. Thanks must go to all the leadership teams and young leaders who support our Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers in developing a very enjoyable, interesting and diverse programmes. Thank you also to parents who support and encourage not only their own young people but the group. Finally, thank you to St Marks Parish for the use of their premises, as our Group sponsors, allowing us to be a part of the church community, and for working with us to provide opportunities for local young people.

- **Financial Review**

Our Scout Group runs on one main bank account held in the name “1<sup>st</sup> Ballymacash Scout Group Council”. All funds held in reserves are for the use of the Group or any section within the Group (Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and the partnered Explorer Unit) for future use in line with the aims and objectives and activities of the Scout Group. The agreed portion held for such use will be subject to the agreement of the Trustees.. Subscriptions fees received are acknowledged for the use of that member section. Our funds at the end of March 2023 are in a satisfactory state and there are no debts or funds in deficit.

- **Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the above report, ratified at the Annual General Meeting and signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees by



**Noel Irwin**  
**Assistant Group Scout Leader**  
**30<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**1st Ballymacash Scout Group**

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# Annual return

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# Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of: -

## 1<sup>st</sup> Ballymacash Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, which are set out on page 1.

### **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 direction given by the Commission under section 65(9) (b) of the Charities Act.

State whether particular matter 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 direction 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 direction of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signature.....

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