

# 4th Antrim (Methodist) Scout Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103876

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2015-09-02

**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:** Cross-border/cross-community, 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	£3,909	£2,866	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Michael Dundee		
Mr Stephen O'Neill		
Mrs Christine O'Neill		
Mrs Kate Daley		

**4th Antrim (Methodist) Scout Group**

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# Accounts

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2014	To	31/03/2015	
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership Fees	2,106	-		2,106	1,464
Grants	-	1,200	-	1,200	1,400
Donation	-	-		-	50
Trips & fun Days	465	-	-	465	430
Cubs christmas Party		-	-	-	147
Christmas Good Turn	120	-	-	120	
Uniform Money	-	18	-	18	-
		-	-		
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)	<b>2,691</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,909</b>	<b>3,491</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
Leaders own money over past years	338	-	-		-
		-	-		-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>3,029</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,909</b>	<b>3,491</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Membership Fees	860	-	-	860	713
Badges & Uniforms	-	179	-	179	490
Camps & Trips	257	347	-	604	640
Equipment & Repairs	-	140	-	140	699
Charitable Donations	170	-	-	170	150
Gifts & celebrations	156	-	-	156	750
Use of Church Facilities	-	200	-	200	175
Accountancy	-	150	-	150	150
Sundry Expenses	151			151	49
Bank fees	54			54	51
Activities	-	202	-	202	163
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,866</b>	<b>4,030</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,866</b>	<b>4,030</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,381</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,043</b>	<b>- 539</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>5,174</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,174</b>	<b>5,713</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>6,555</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,217</b>	<b>5,174</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	6,555	-	-	6,555	5,496
		-	-	-	-	322
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>6,555</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,555</b>	<b>5,174</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	0	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Charitable loan receivable	-	-	-	-	-
	Tax reclaim due	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Buildings	Unrestricted	-	-	-
	Motor vehicles	Restricted	-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities	Supplier accounts not paid	Restricted		-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	<b>Total</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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

Signature  


Print Name  
 STEPHEN DALEY  
 KATE DALEY

Date of approval  
 19/10/15

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# Accounts

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership Fees	1,464	-	-	1,464	1,550
Grants	-	1,400	-	1,400	1,400
Camp	-	-	-	-	-
Charity	-	-	-	-	-
Donation	50	-	-	50	-
Trips & Fun Days	430	-	-	430	150
Cub Christmas Party	147	-	-	147	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)	<b>2,091</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,491</b>	<b>3,100</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>2,091</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,491</b>	<b>3,100</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Membership Fees	713	-	-	713	888
Badges & Uniforms	211	279	-	490	166
Camps & Trips	458	182	-	640	387
Equipment & Repairs	7	692	-	699	1,088
Charity	150	-	-	150	-
Return of unspent Grant	-	-	-	-	206
Gifts & Celebrations	677	73	-	750	277
Use of Church Facilities	-	175	-	175	175
Accountancy	150	-	-	150	150
Sundry	49	-	-	49	51
Bank Fees	51	-	-	51	55
Activities	99	64	-	163	154
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>2,565</b>	<b>1,465</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,030</b>	<b>3,597</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>2,565</b>	<b>1,465</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,030</b>	<b>3,597</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 474</b>	<b>- 65</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 539</b>	<b>- 497</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>5,713</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,713</b>	<b>6,210</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>5,174</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,174</b>	<b>5,713</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank	5,496	-	-	5,496	5,713
	Cash Acc- exp due to leaders	- 322	-	-	- 322	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>5,174</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,174</b>	<b>5,713</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Tents & equipment		-	2,616	-
	General Equipment		-	1,288	-
	Sports Equipment		-	600	-
	Badges & Uniform		-	150	-
			-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>4,654</b>	<b>-</b>

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	<b>Total</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

**4th Antrim (Methodist) Scout Group**

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# Annual report

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 1st APRIL 2022 thru 31st MARCH 2023

*Organisation Address*

4<sup>th</sup> Antrim (Methodist) Scout Group  
Antrim Methodist Church  
Greystone Road  
Antrim BT41 1JY

*Mailing Address*

4<sup>th</sup> Antrim (Methodist) Scout Group  
C/O Mrs Kate Daley  
110 Abbeyview  
Muckamore  
BT41 4QA

*Trustees*

All have served since 2nd September 2015.

Mr Stephen O'Neill, Chairman  
Mrs Christine O'Neill, Hon Treasurer  
Mr Michael Dundee, Group Scout Leader  
Mrs Kate Daley

*Governing document*

Our governing document is The Royal Charter of the Scout Association 4th January 1912, as amended by supplemental charters dated 28/03/1949, 18/02/1959, 05/05/1967 and 19/07/1991

Purposes of our charity: 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 .

*Public and Private Benefit of our charity*

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's Public Benefit Requirement statutory guidance.

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, when working with young people.

*Main activities to further purposes for public benefit*

Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

4<sup>th</sup> Antrim is a successful Scout Group in Antrim Town delivering a varied program of activities, fun and experiences to young people between the ages of six and eighteen. We welcome people of all genders, regardless of religious background. We will do all we can to accommodate young people with disabilities.

*Review of our charity's financial position as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023'*

Our funds are in a healthy state and we do not have any debts or funds in material deficit. We do not currently have a reserves policy but collect subscriptions and fees on a regular basis in order to satisfy contingencies and anticipated regular expenses.

### *Main achievements in the year*

Our two Beaver Leaders, Susan Blair and Emma Daley, stood down as leaders effective from the end of December 2023. Since then, the other leaders in the Group have been working to keep the section open. They have been ably helped by Helen Richmond, who was formerly the Beaver Scout Leader in 4<sup>th</sup> Antrim and who was highly respected by the Northern Ireland Beaver community. The Beaver Scouts completed their Teamwork Challenge Award and the Road Safety and Astronomers badges. In addition, they worked toward their camp craft badge.

The Cub Section had a busy year. I'm pleased to say that, largely thanks to the efforts of our wonderful parents, we increased the Cub numbers by 50%. Work continued earning badges. In October, the Cub Scouts had a Fancy Dress Party and we saw some brilliant costumes. December saw a joint Christmas party with two other Packs from the District. February saw a lot of craft work, celebrating St Valentine's Day, Mothers Day and Easter.

The Scouts completed their Chefs badge and worked towards the outdoor challenge, personal challenge, first aid and orienteering badges. They, too, had a Fancy Dress party in October and the costumes were most imaginative. The Troop took part in a District Badminton competition.

Despite having only two members, the Explorer Section had two weekends away camping and went bowling. They earned their Survival badge and took part in a number of hikes in the Mourne.

I pleased to be able to report that various sections got together a number of times during the year for joint events. In June, the Cubs and Scouts held a joint camp in Shane's Castle. Each section had its own activities but got together at meal times and, of course, the Camp Fire. All Sections were represented at Antrim Methodist Church's Remembrance Day Service in November, when Group Flags were returned. Cubs, Scouts and Explorers raised money in December for Focus, a local support group. We were offered free places to see a demonstration ice hockey match in January in the SSE arena and the Cubs and Scouts journeyed by train to Belfast for what turned out to be a great day.

While the Cub Section has increased members, the Group desperately needs more young people in all age groups and adult helpers and leaders.

AGREED BY ALL TRUSTEES AND SIGNED BY TRUSTEE

*Stephen O'Neill*

Stephen O'Neill (Group Chair)  
24 October 2024

**4th Antrim (Methodist) Scout Group**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103876

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# Annual return

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## Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of 4<sup>th</sup> Antrim Meth Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024, 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 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 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.

Name: Jennifer Gould

Relevant professional qualification or body: CPAA

Address: Sixmile Accountancy, 18a Railway Street, Antrim

Date 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

**4th Antrim (Methodist) Scout Group**

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# Accounts

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023	
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership Fees	1,550	-	-	1,550	788
Grants	-	1,400	-	1,400	1,200
Camp	-	-	-	-	-
Charity	-	-	-	-	128
Donation	-	-	-	-	-
Trips & Fun days	150	-	-	150	30
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)	<b>1,700</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>2,146</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>2,146</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Membership Fees	888	-	-	888	745
Badges & Uniform	-	166	-	166	170
Camps & Trips	27	360	-	387	311
Equipment & Repairs	75	1,013	-	1,088	316
Charity	-	-	-	-	171
Return of unspent Grant	-	206	-	206	-
Gifts & Celebrations	277	-	-	277	59
Use of Church Facilities	-	175	-	175	175
Accountancy	-	150	-	150	150
Sundry	51	-	-	51	-
Bank fees	-	55	-	55	29
Activities	154	-	-	154	27
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>1,472</b>	<b>2,125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,597</b>	<b>2,153</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>1,472</b>	<b>2,125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,597</b>	<b>2,153</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>- 725</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 497</b>	<b>- 7</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>5,485</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,210</b>	<b>6,217</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>5,713</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,713</b>	<b>6,210</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	5,713	-	-	5,713	6,210
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>5,713</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,713</b>	<b>6,210</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
			Total			

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total			

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Tents & Equipment		-	2,616	2,616
	General Equipment		-	1,288	1,288
	Sports Equipment		-	600	600
	Badges & Uniform		-	150	150
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total		4,654	4,654

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
		Total			

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

Signature

*Kathleen Walsby*

Print Name

KATE DALCY

Date of approval

26/9/23

**4th Antrim (Methodist) Scout Group**

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# Annual report

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*Trustees*

All have served since 2nd September 2015.

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Mr Stephen O'Neill, Chairman  
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- 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.
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- 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, when working with young people.

*Main activities to further purposes for public benefit*

Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

4<sup>th</sup> Antrim is a successful Scout Group in Antrim Town delivering a varied program of activities, fun and experiences to young people between the ages of six and eighteen. We welcome people of all genders, regardless of religious background. We will do all we can to accommodate young people with disabilities.

*Review of our charity's financial position as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023'*

Our funds are in a healthy state and we do not have any debts or funds in material deficit. We do not currently have a reserves policy but collect subscriptions and fees on a regular basis in order to satisfy contingencies and anticipated regular expenses.

### *Main achievements in the year*

The Beaver Section has been working towards the Chief Scout's Bronze Award and to this end the young people completed the Team Work and the My Skills badges. In addition, the Beavers completed the Emergency Aid Stage 1 and the Hikes Away stage 1 badges. The latter involved a three kilometre walk! In addition, one Beaver Scout attained stage 1 swimmer. The Section was glad to welcome some visitors to help with Activity Badges. For the Cyclist Badge, there was an evening during which the Beavers performed cycle maintenance and learned about cycling safety. For the Explore Badge, the Beavers we worked with the Warden from Antrim Castle Gardens who provided tree identification packs for a route around the gardens. A gardener helped with planting bulbs for gifts for Mother's Day. The Beaver Scouts attained the Safety Badge after completing a road walk and a visit from local Roads Policing Team. Work has begun on the Global Issues badge and the Space Badge, starting with Artemis research.

The Cub Scouts have also been working hard on attaining their badges. The entire Section earned the Personal Challenge Badge and the Skills Challenge Badge, both parts of the Chief Scout's Silver Award. They attained the Road Safety, the Science, Home Help, Disability Awareness, Astronomer and First Aid Badges. The young people discussed the badges they could earn individually and each Cub Scout chose which ones they wished to work towards. Cub Scouts took part in a number of craft activities, Christmas, Mother's Day and Easter. Hard work deserves a reward and the Section had parties at Christmas and Easter and to say farewell for the summer.

The Scouts worked towards Chief Scout's Gold Award. A major focus for the Section has been on First Aid and so the Scouts continued to expand their skills by working on Stage 3 of the First Aid Badge. A number of the Scouts attained their Personal Challenge Awards, a noteworthy achievement.

The Scouts spent a weekend at Ard Luain activity centre in the Mourne where they went hiking. This was arranged by Andy McSparron, a good friend to te group.

AGREED BY ALL TRUSTEES AND SIGNED BY TRUSTEE

Stephen O'Neill

Stephen O'Neill (Group Chair)  
24 October 2023

**4th Antrim (Methodist) Scout Group**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103876

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# Annual return

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Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of 4<sup>th</sup> Antrim (Methodist) Scout Group

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

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

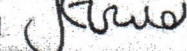
I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

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

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.

Jennifer Gould 

ACPA 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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