

Organisation Address

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Trustees

All have served since 2nd September 2015.

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

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.

4th 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 31st 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 the group.

AGREED BY ALL TRUSTEES AND SIGNED BY TRUSTEE

Stephen O'Neill

Stephen O'Neill (Group Chair)
24 October 2023