

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 1st APRIL 2024 thru 31st MARCH 2025

*Organisation Address*

4<sup>th</sup> Antrim (Methodist) Scout Group  
Antrim Methodist Church  
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*Mailing Address*

4<sup>th</sup> Antrim (Methodist) Scout Group  
C/O Mrs Kate Daley  
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*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 2024*

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*

Beaver numbers continue to increase, even as some have swum up to Cubs. The beavers completed their Chef and Gardener badges, the Teamwork Challenge Award and Stage One of the Emergency Aid badge. We have not yet been able to identify a formal Beaver Section Team Member so the program continues to be delivered by members of other sections in the group, Helen, a former Beaver leader and parent volunteers.

The number of Cubs continues to increase, and we were very happy to get back to having two Sixes. The young people worked hard together to earn the Emergency Aid, Road Safety and Home Help badges. Individually, they earned Artist, Animal Carer, Hobby, Collector and Sports Enthusiast badges.

4<sup>th</sup> Antrim joined with 12<sup>th</sup> Bangor Cubs for a residential at Ballyhornan in County Down. It was a packed and fun filled weekend which enabled our Cubs to add to their Nights Away staged badge. The young people made badges, kites, snow globes and puppets. One Cub was unable to go and it was heartwarming that the Cubs made extra crafts to bring home for him, so he wasn't left out - even a personalised mug.

The scouts completed their Teamwork Challenge and Stage 1 of the Navigator badge. They completed a number of walks including Randalstown Forest and Antrim Castle Grounds as part of working toward their Naturalist badge. They also took part in a two day hike and overnight camp in the Antrim Hills organised by the District.

I'm sad to have to report that we have had to close the Explorer Section.

More positive is that various sections got together a number of times during the year for joint events. Cubs and Scouts, and Adult Volunteers of course, attended Antrim Methodist Church's Remembrance Day Service in November, when Group Flags were returned. Antrim Methodist Church invites our young people to deliver the readings and they always make us proud. In December, the Cubs and Scouts raised money for The People's Kitchen, a charity supporting the homeless in Belfast. As well as raising funds, they also donated warm clothing.

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 June 2025