

1st Hillhall Scout Group

Based at Hillhall Presbyterian Church

163 Hillhall Road

Lisburn

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Annual Report

Year from 12th July 2022 to 11th July 2023

Charity number 103885

Charitable purpose

The purpose of 1st Hillhall Scout Group is to actively engage and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Charity's constitution

The constitution of 1st Hillhall Scout Group is aligned to the constitution of the National Scout Association, of which it is a part. The provides a framework as to how the group is run including the aims, the programme, the structure of the Association and key policies such as child protection and safety amongst others. The constitution also states how the group is managed as well as how the Group Executive Committee is elected.

Activities during 2018/19

The group has four sections:

- The Squirrel Drey joined the charity in Autumn 2021 after the merger of Northern Ireland Squirrel Association merged with The Scout Association. The Squirrel drey is for children aged 4-6. During the 2022/23 year there were 24 children in the drey. The Squirrels enjoyed a full year of crafts and activities. They enjoyed a Squirrel fun day hosted at Hillhall Presbyterian Church. The Scout group also celebrated it's centenary this year and the Squirrels joined the rest of the group at Crawfordsburn for an afternoon of activities and a barbeque.
- The Beaver colony is for children between the ages of 6-8. During 2018/19 there were 13 Beavers in the colony. The Beavers meet in the church hall at Hillhall Presbyterian church. The Beavers are led by an experienced team of leaders who provide an exciting and varied program. The average night is a

mixture of games and crafts interspersed with scouting skills such as simple backwoods cooking and knot tying. There were several trips during the year including Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon park and Beaver Rally Day. The annual Beaver camp was again the highlight of the year for many of the Beavers. This years camp was even more special as it was the centenary of the Scout group so both first and second year Beavers were invited.

- The Cub pack is for children between the ages of 8-10^{1/2}. During 2018/19 there were 28 Cubs. The Cubs meet at the youth hall at Hillhall Presbyterian church. The Cub leaders provide a strong program for this age group. There are many different games but also a greater focus on scouting skills in line with the greater abilities of the age group. Thanks to the facilities that are available the Cubs are able to learn to make camp furniture, how to safely light and manage a fire as well as backwoods cooking. During June 2023 our Cubs attended the centenary camp at Crawfordsburn Scout Centre. At the annual camp the cubs get to use the skills they have learnt throughout the year as well as trying new activities.
- The Scout troop is for children between the ages of 10^{1/2}- 14. During 2018/19 there were 18 scouts at Hillhall. The Scouts meet in the youth hall at Hillhall Presbyterian church. The program allows the Scouts to further develop the skills they have learnt in the previous sections. The Scouts took part in the centenary camp at Crawfordsburn. The camp had a full range of activities from water based to climbing along with day trips to local areas.

Public Benefit

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. The group operates on a Wednesday night and is open to all members of the public within the defined age limits. The group always endeavors to accommodate all of the children who wish to attend and, through

recruitment of more leaders, all of the children were accommodated this year. The children who attended further developed their skills in areas such as cookery, knot tying, camping and working as a team. These skills will help the members throughout their lives and will, hopefully, also help the members make a positive impact in their communities; preparing young people to be active citizens; embracing and contributing to social change. The success of the programme is shown by the number of children within the group. Scouting operates within a framework of safety to enable young people to take part in adventurous activities safely. The group follows the best practice guidance provided by the National Scout Association to ensure this is the case. The Trustees are not aware of any private benefit received by anyone, even as an incidental benefit. In planning the programmes for the different sections for the year consideration has been given to the guidance provided by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland to help ensure that the charity's purpose is met.

Governance

1st Hillhall Scout Group is governed by the rules of the Scout Association of which it is a part. The Scout Group has now merged with 1st Hillhall Squirrel Drey.

Trustees who served within this year are:

Mr Jamie Toole (appointed 12 September 2018)

Mrs Katherine Tolerton (appointed 12 September 2018)

Mr Peter Knowles (appointed 12 September 2018)

Mr Paul Wilkinson (appointed 12 September 2018)

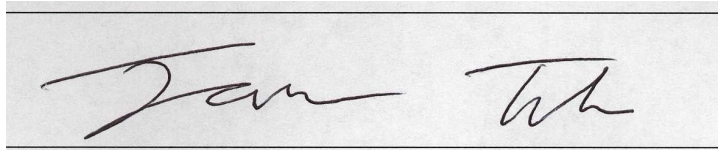
Mr Bryan McKinstry (appointed 12 September 2018)

Review of the Financial Year

During 2022/23 1st Hillhall Scout Group had expenses totaling £8981.49. The largest expense was the capitation fees paid to the district at £3120.5, paid to the Scout Association via Lisburn District to cover expenses including liability insurance. Other large expenses were the camp costs £1603.35, uniform and badges at £1432.2.

Funds were raised by annual subscriptions, camp fees and a small donation totaling £9593. This lead to a small surplus of £611.51 1st Hillhall Scout Group finished the year with funds of £3452.67 available. The Trustee feels these funds are sufficient to support the Scout Group and enable it to operate in the forthcoming year.

Signed

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jamie Toole', is written on a light-colored, textured background.

Jamie Toole
1st Hillhall Group Scout Trustee

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Date: 20/04/2024

Independent Report

Independent examiner's report to the charity Trustees of 1st Hillhall Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ending 11th July 2023, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of Charity trustees and examiner.

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

It is my responsibility :

1. Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act.
2. Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.
3. State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the 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 of Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

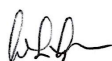
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not comply 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 compiled my examination and have no concerns in respect of matters (1) to (4) listed above, in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland, I have found matters that require drawing to your attention.



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Certified Bookkeeper

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1st Hillhall Scout Group
Accounts 12/7/22-11/7/23

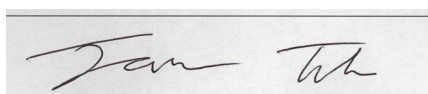
	Unrestricted £
Receipts	
Annual Subscriptions	5650
Camp Fees	2340
Donations	1603
	9593
Payments	
Squirrels capitation	908.5
Beavers Capitation	474
Cubs Capitation	1066.5
Scouts Capitation	671.5
Uniform and Badges	1432.2
Equipment	162.17
Camp Costs	1603.35
Day Trips	1307
General Expenses	1356.27
	8981.49
Surplus	611.51
Funds on 12/7/22	2841.16
Funds on 11/7/23	3452.67

Balance Sheet on 01/06/19

Current Assets	
Cash in hand	0
Bank Balance	3452.67
Total Assets	3452.67

There are no restricted funds

Signed



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Date 20/04/2024