

10th Belfast Scout Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103898

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-09-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

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 citizenship or community development

How the charity works: Cross-border/cross-community, Youth development

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-03-31	£26,360	£37,830	£0	0
2025-03-31	£23,548	£24,704	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Chris Mcelwee		
Mr Colin Mcshane		
Mr Michael Bennett		
Mr Robert Mckissick		
Mr Stanley Mawhinney		
Mr Steven Boyle		
Mr William Mawhinney		
Mrs Elizabeth Matthews		
Paul Entwistle		

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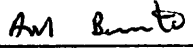
Receipts & Payment Account for Year Ended 31~~st~~ March 2026

Receipts		£	Payments		£
Balance @1st April 2025		24,843.46			
Membership Subscriptions :-	Subs & Capitation Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers	5497.50	5,497.50	Scout Hall :-	Ground Rent 21.00 Water Charges 862.43 Electricity 1,689.53 Gas 1,005.87 Plus Net 341.87 T.V. 179.50 Insurance 2,240.20
Grants :-	Education Authority	2000.00	2,000.00		6,340.40
Donations :-	Venture Kids 17350.00 Friends of the 10th 60.00 Birthday parties 520.00 Minibus usage 596.00 Hall usage 120.00	17350.00 60.00 520.00 596.00 120.00	18,646.00	Hall Maintenance :-	Chubb Fire & Alarms 3,205.73 Hall Extension Painting 4633.97 Lounge Carpet & Fitting 1244.73 Bin Collection 368.81 Boiler Service 120.00
Contributions :-	Payroll giving 120.00 Camp Fee 65.00	120.00 65.00	185.00	Minibus :-	Tax 165.00 PSV 70.50 Repairs 300.00 Insurance 1450.00
Bank :-	Bank Interest 32.05	32.05	32.05	Capitation Fees :-	Group 1,957.50
				Section Floats :-	Cubs 400.00 Beavers 300.00
				Bonds :-	Progressive BS Bond 15,000.00
				Heritage Project :-	10th Heritage Project 1000.00
				Centenary Dinner :-	Leaders 770
				Miscellaneous :-	Scout Badges 66.65 Light Bulbs 90.00 Cub Refund 26.00 Donations 200.00 Birthday Party Refund 70.00
				Bank :-	Fees 51.59
N.B. The balance of £13,373.13 does not include the value of Bonds held in Progressive Building Society for £11,000 £5,000 £4,000 £3,500, £15,000 and 2 bonds at £40,000 plus interest.				Balance @ 31st March 2026	13,373.13
		51,204.01			51,204.01

Prepared by: W J Mawhinney (Hon Treasurer)

Signed:  2/4/2026

Scrutineers Report :
I have examined the above Statement and certify that it is correct according to the records and vouchers available.

Signed:  4 April 26

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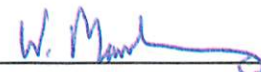
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Receipts & Payment Account for Year Ended 31-March 2025

Receipts		£	Payments		£
Balance @1st April 2024		25,999.17			
Membership Subscriptions :-	Subs & Capitation Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers	5045.50	5,045.50	Scout Hall :-	Ground Rent 21.00 Water Charges 805.43 Electricity 1,818.87 Gas 1,183.61 Plus Net 321.66 T.V. 174.50 Insurance 1,600.00
Grants :-	Education Authority	1800.00	1,800.00		5,925.07
Contributions :-	Birthday parties 455.00 Hall usage 373.00 Minibus usage 202.30 Payroll giving 40.00 Camp Fee 36.90	1,107.20		Hall Maintenance :-	Chubb 1,315.80 Skip Hire 200.00 Blinds 40.00 Bulb's & Lamps 88.20 Toilet Accessories 135.00 Toilet Door Reversal 100.00 Bin Collection 352.63
Donations :-	Venture Kids 15000.00 Friends of the 10th 60.00 B. O'Flaherty 500	15,560.00		Minibus :-	Tax 165.00 Insurance 1,400.00 PSV 70.50 Fuel 42.30
Bank :-	Bank Interest	36.04	36.04	Capitation Fees :-	Group 1,955.00
				Section Floats :-	Squirrels 20.00 Beavers 450.00 Cubs 250.00
				Refurbishment :-	Toilets 10,280.00 Kitchen 367.90
				Miscellaneous :-	Onecom Website 103.52 Strand Cinema Seats 300.00 Defibrillator 668.00 Gift Flowers 95.00 Gift Donation 250.00 Badges 87.35
				Bank :-	Fees 43.18
N.B. The balance of £24,843.40 does not include the value of Bonds held in Progressive Building Society for £11,000 £5,000 £4,000 £3,500 and 2 bonds at £40,000 plus interest.				Balance @ 31st March 2025	24,843.46
		49,547.91			49,547.91

Prepared by : W J Mawhinney (Hon Treasurer)

Signed :  6/4/2025

Scrutineers Report :
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Signed :  3 MAY '25


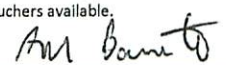
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Receipts & Payment Account for Year Ended 31 March 2024

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Balance @1st April 2023					95,304.29
Membership Subscriptions :-	Subs & Capitation			Scout Hall :-	
	Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers	7176.00		Ground Rent	21.00
				Water Charges	941.41
				Electricity	1149.41
				Gas	613.38
		7,176.00		Plus Net	317.01
				T.V.	164.00
Grants :-	Education Authority			Insurance	1,562.83
	Hall	2000.00			4,769.04
	Cost of Living Grant	981.00		Hall Maintenance :-	
		2,981.00		Atlas Fire	73.01
				Chubb	224.75
Contributions :-	Birthday parties	200.00		Bin Collection	218.92
	Worcester Scouts	421.00		Boiler	110
		621.00		Chubb Contract	903.60
					1,530.28
Camp cost :-	Paid by Direct Debit to Account	105		Hall Repairs :-	
		105.00		Benches	1100.00
				Exterior Sign	270.00
				Meter Box	242.39
					1,612.39
Donations :-	Friends of the 10th	170.00		Minibus :-	
	Venture Kids	13,250.00		Insurance	1,300.00
	C & M Mawhinney	200		Tax	165.00
		13,620.00		Repairs - Service PSV	550.20
				Windscreen Replacement	75.00
					2,090.20
				Capitation Fees :-	
				Squirrels Beavers Cubs Scouts Explorers	2212.5
				Section Floats :-	
				Cubs	450.00
				Beavers	450.00
					900.00
Bank :-	Bank Interest	159.3		Miscellaneous :-	
		159.30		Badges	115
				Training	62.50
				Scarves	530.74
				Website	87.92
				Voucher	15.00
					811.16
				Building Society :-	
				Progressive Bonds	80,000.00
				Bank :-	
				Fees	41.85
N.B. The balance of £25,999.17 does not include the value of Bonds held in Progressive Building Society for £11,000 £5,000 £4,000 £3,500 and 2 bonds at £40,000 plus interest.				Balance @ 31st March 2024	25999.17
					119,966.59
Prepared by :	W J Mawhinney (Hon Treasurer)		Scrutineers Report :		
Signed :			I have examined the above Statement and certify that it is correct according to the records and vouchers available.		
	20/4/2024		Signed :  19/4/24.		

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Annual report

14th May 2024

The Annual General Meeting was held in the McMordie Scout Hall on the above date at 7:30pm.

PRESENT:	William Mawhinney	Stephen Boyle
	Stanley Mawhinney	Robert McKissick
	Paul Entwistle	Jen Higgins
	Colin McShane	Johnny Shearer
	Michael Bennett	Alix Matthews

Apologies Elizabeth Matthews

The Chairman opened the meeting by paying tribute to our President Mr Lexie Kennedy who sadly passed away on 28th April. Lexie was a stalwart of the group having been a member of all sections and then going on to become cub leader and then committee chairman for many years and finally took the role of Group President. Throughout his life he was a staunch supporter of the 10th and was responsible for introducing many young people to scouting in the group. During his time on the committee, he was also instrumental in securing funding for the extension to the hall.

Group Report for 2023-2024

Robert presented the report for the previous year, with the following being the key points.

All sections are currently active and continue to meet, we have a slight reduction in membership this year with 78 Members, 59 Youth and 19 Leaders as per breakdown below,

14 Squirrels
9 Beavers
20 Cubs
14 Scouts
2 Explorers
15 Leaders and 4 occasional helpers.

8TH Worcester Scouts travelled to Crawfordsburn and borrowed the Group Minibus at the end of May 23.

No Summer Camps took place this year. Again, the Leaders are finding it hard to agree dates which suit the majority of Families which in turn reduces the numbers which makes it not viable to run a camp.

Leaders' refresher training continued throughout the year with updates to Safeguarding and Access NI renewals.

A congratulations goes to Steve Shortt AESL for completing his Wood badge Training which is great to see.

The tradition of various members and ex-members meeting for a game of football on Christmas morning continued.

Scouts/Explorers held their Winter Camp in February at Mourneshore which was wet and windy but enjoyed by all who took part. Winter night walks in Shaws Bridge and a day hiking Cavehill learning map and compass were just some of the activities undertaken this year.

Donnybrook Explorers used McMordie hall for a weekend in March while they explored Belfast.

The Explorers took part in the few District activities that were arranged.

The Cubs also used Mourncashore for their Easter Camp and again it was a windy weekend, but spirits remained high.

The transformation of Belfast County continues, and this will start from September 2024 but should have no real impact on the Group.

Robert concluded by expressing thanks and appreciation to all the Section Leaders and helpers and to the Executive Committee for all the support and continued commitment to keeping the Group going.

The Chairman thanked Robert for his hard work during the year and congratulated him on the award of 'Bar to the Medal of Merit' which he received during the year. Paul then invited our treasurer William Mawhinney to report to the meeting.

Finance Report

William presented the 2023/2024 accounts to the meeting.

See attached

The overall financial position of the group is strong with the current account balance at 31-3-24 of £25,999, in addition the group has building society bonds totalling £103,500 giving total funds of £129,499.

Our total income for the 2023-2024 year was £24,662

Our expenses for the year were £13,967

Resulting in an operating profit of £10,694

Once again, without the income from Venture kids the group would be running at a loss of around £4,000.

William stated that fundamentally the group needs to get onto a strong foundation of funding that is not solely relying on venture Kids. William proposed reviewing the subscriptions for each section with a view to increasing them, as they have not been increased for many years.

William concluded by thanking all section leaders who volunteered their service to the group and for their help in co-ordinating all the subscriptions.

Paul thanked William for his report and to Mervyn Bannister for scrutinising the accounts, he again reinforced to the meeting that although we have money in the bank, as a committee we are fully aware of the responsibilities we must carefully manage this money and to future proof the group. Although on paper it may look like we have sufficient money, upkeep of the hall and the minibus would quickly use it, if we have any major jobs to do such as repairs to the roof, heating, toilets, electrics etc.

Election of members of the Executive Committee for the 2023-2024 year

All existing members of the committee confirmed they were prepared to stand for re-election. As per POR Robert proposed all members to continue in their roles and it was therefore agreed to re-elect all 8 current members the executive committee for the coming year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of 10th Belfast Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out as attached.

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.

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.

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: *KELLIE HARRON*

Relevant professional qualification or body: *ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS IRELAND*

Address: *80 ASHMOUNT PARK, BELFAST, BT4 2FL*

Date: *08/11/2024*

Signed: *Kellie Harron*

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Receipts & Payment Account for Year Ended 31 March 2023

Receipts	£	£	Payments	£	£
Balance @ 1st April 2022		87,929.46			
Membership Subscriptions :-			Scout Hall :-		
Subs & Capitation			Ground Rent	21.00	
Squirrels Beavers & Cubs	4856.00		Water Charges	934.30	
		4,856.00	Electricity	2012.97	
			Gas	1714.42	
			Plus Net	303.87	
Grants :-			T.V.	164.00	
Education Authority			Insurance	1,421.26	6,571.82
Hall	2000.00				
Minibus	800.00	2,800.00	Hall Maintenance :-		
			Atlas Fire	362.31	
			Bin Collection	235.44	
			Boiler	110	707.75
Contributions :-			Minibus :-		
Birthday parties	210.00		Tax	165.00	
Devon Scouts	370.00		Service PSV	263.50	
Minibus	1378.00	1,958.00	Insurance	1231.89	1,660.39
Donations :-			Capitation Fees :-		
Friends of the 10th	480.00		Beavers Cubs Scouts	1952.50	
Venture Kids	12,000.00	12,480.00	Squirrels	284.00	2,236.50
			Hall Repairs :-		
			Roof	191.00	
			Plumber	130.00	
			Alarm	90.00	
			Fittings	55.44	466.44
			Section Floats :-		
			Cubs	600.00	
			Beavers	400.00	1,000.00
Bank :-			Miscellaneous :-		
Bank Interest	232.25	232.25	Badges	147.70	
			Beaver Party	10.40	
			Flowers	40.00	
			Cub camp refund	75.00	273.10
			Education Authority :-		
			Camp Grant Refund	2000	
			Bank :-		
			Fees		35.42
			Balance @ 31st March 2023		95,304.29
					110,255.71
N.B. The balance of £95,304.29 does not include the value of Bonds held in Progressive Building Society for £11,000 £5,000 £4,000 and £3,500 plus interest.					
110,255.71			110,255.71		
Prepared by : W J Mawhinney (Hon Treasurer)			Scrutineers Report : I have examined the above Statement and certify that it is correct according to the records and vouchers available.		
Signed: <i>W. Mawhinney</i> 3/4/2023			Signed: <i>AM Bennett</i> 12 April 2023.		

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Annual report

9th May 2023

The Annual General Meeting was held in the McMordie Scout Hall on the above date at 7:30pm.

PRESENT:	William Mawhinney	Stephen Boyle
	Stanley Mawhinney	Robert McKissick
	Paul Entwistle	Jen Higgins
	Colin McShane	Paula McKissick
	Michael Bennett	Alix Matthews

Apologies Lexie Kennedy, Elizabeth Matthews

Group Report for 2022-2023

Paul presented the report for the previous year, with the following being the key points.

It was a great pleasure to be reporting on a 'normal' uninterrupted year, following the previous COVID years.

All sections are currently strong with over 63 youths and 13 adults regularly attending the meetings.

8 Squirrels
11 Beavers
26 Cubs
11 Scouts
7 Explorers
13 leaders with 3 occasional helpers

In addition to the normal weekly meetings and activities it is great to report that both the Cub and Scout sections had a number of camps at Mourneshore and Slievenaman School House – at Easter, Summer and the traditional winter weekend.

The beavers also came a respectable 3rd in the District Uni-hoc competition.

Unit 78 from Devon who are attending the World Scout Jamboree in Korea spent a weekend in Belfast as part of their preparations and used the McMordie Hall as a base.

The tradition of various members and ex-members meeting for a game of football on Christmas morning continued. Following on from the 'walks' during COVID this year saw a game take place and was well attended – as usual there was a lot of debate about the final score. On the social side, the group held an enjoyable evening in the Crown Plaza hotel to celebrate the life of Mike Loder and reminisce about old times with Mike.

Mike had left money to fund the evening and specifically wanted no formalities to the night. Just his old friends meeting for some food and drinks and to talk about old times. Robert successfully delivered on this request and a good time was had by everyone who attended.

Fundraising used to be a key role of the committee each year to ensure the group could survive and afford to upkeep the hall and run the minibus.

Fortunately, due the generous gift from Mike Loder and the regular income from Venture Kids and renting the hall out for birthday parties and to other scout groups we are in a strong financial position and did not need to focus on fundraising activities.

This year we have reinstalled the benches in the hall after replacing the floor last year. The next plan being to refurbish the toilets and upgrade the electrics in the main hall.

So, all in all its great to be able to report that the group is in good health both in the sections and in the finances.

As always, the success of the group rests with the section leaders and their assistants and helpers, without these people we would not have a scout group. It was also fantastic to report that Colin McShane was awarded the Bar to the Medal of Merit.

Each section appears to have enough leaders at the minute, however they are always happy to get new people involved and also to plan for succession into the future.

One main change in leadership during the year was that unfortunately our recently appointed GSL Andrew Totten had to resign due to personal commitments with new roles in had been offered outside of scouting.

On behalf of the group, Paul thanked Andrew for everything he did during his tenure and wished him well into the future. He will of course remain a friend of the group and will continue to be involved in the museum and the upkeep of the records and history of the group.

Paul then reported that Robert McKissick has agreed to take on the GSL role in addition to his current role of scout leader. Everyone at the meeting wished Robert well in his new role and Paul commented that the committee and section leaders will give him their full support.

Paul concluded by thanking the members of the committee for the work during the year and hoped that the coming year will be successful for all sections as we continue to grow and welcome new members across all sections.

Paul then invited our treasurer William Mawhinney to report to the meeting.

Finance Report

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The overall financial position of the group is strong with the current account balance at 31-3-23 of £95,304, in addition the group has building society bonds totalling £26,678 giving total funds of £121,982.

Our total income for the 2022-2023 year was £22,326
Our expenses for the year were £14,951
Resulting in an operating profit of £7,374

Without the money from Venture kids the group would be running at a loss of £4,625

William also confirmed that the Education Grant will be cut in the coming year.

He also proposed that given the money in the current account, the group should invest a significant amount into long term bonds.

William concluded by thanking all section leaders who volunteered their service to the group and for their help in co-ordinating all the subscriptions.

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Name: *Kellie Harron*

Relevant professional qualification or body: *ATI*

Address: *80 Ashmount Park, Belfast, BT4 2FL*

Date: *31/05/2023*

Signed: *K Harron*