

78th Belfast Scout Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103914

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-09-09

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 education, The advancement of citizenship or community development

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

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£56,353	£18,009	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Andrew Mcdowell		
Mr John Mcdowell		
Mr Ronan Clancy		

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Trustee Annual Report

Name of Charity	78th Belfast Scout Group
Charity Registration Number	103914
Year Start Date	1st September 2022
Year End Date	31st August 2023
The Purpose of your Charity	All Scouts NI Charities are governed by the Royal Charter and Byelaws. Purpose of Scouting: Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.
The principal address of the Charity	487 Antrim Road Belfast BT15 3BP
The names of all Charity Trustees	Andrew McDowell Ronan Clancy John McDowell
The financial year the report relates to	01st September 2022 to the 31st of August 2023

**A summary of the
Charity's main activities
and achievements in the
year**

These are the main activities undertaken by this Charity to further its charitable purposes for the public benefit of its beneficiaries. All Sections of the Group have remained active: Beavers (6-8), Cubs (8-10), Scouts (10-14). Section meetings take place weekly during term-time, following a structured programme of age-related games and activities, to engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The Group has had a busy year The Beavers took part in the following Group activities and a joint meeting with Cubs and gained the following badge, Animal Friend. The Cubs took part in the following Group activities with the Beavers and gained the following badge Animal Carer badge. The Scouts took part in the following Group activities with the Explorer Scouts and gained the following badges, Chief Scouts Award, Chief Scouts Gold Award, Outdoor Award, Creative Award, World Challenge Award, Expedition Award, Adventurous Activity Award and Team Leader Award.

Funds are allocated to activities and events that are both enjoyable and encourage the young people to become more independent and self-reliant, developing teamwork and skills for life.

<p>A statement that the Trustees have had with regard to the Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance</p>	<p>"All Trustees named above are aware of the Commission's Public Benefit Requirement and Statutory Guidance".</p> <p>"There was no harm flowing from the Charities purposes and there was no private benefit".</p>
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<p>A review of the Charity's financial position at the end of the year</p>	<p>Cash in Hand: £0.00 Cash in Bank: £10704.71 Balance as at year end: £10704.71 These figures must match the figures in your Annual Accounts</p>
<p>Details of any funds held by the Charity that was materially in deficit at the end of the year and steps taken by the Charity Trustees to eliminate the deficit</p>	<p>There are no funds held by the charity that are materially in deficit.</p>
<p>One or more of the Charity Trustees must sign and date this box.</p>	<p><i>Ludger Maxwell</i> <i>18th August 2025</i></p>

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of 78th Belfast Scout Group.

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st August 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.

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.

Signed:  ACA MIATI

Name: Mr Daryl McLaughlin ACA MIATI

Relevant professional qualification or body: Institute of Chartered Accountants Ireland

Address: C/O James Savage & Co., 88 Listooder Road, Saintfield, Co. Down, BT24 7JX

Date: 18th August 2025

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

1st SEPTEMBER 2017 to 31st AUGUST 2018

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

78th Belfast Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

487 Antrim Road

Belfast

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Andrew McDowell	Chairman	
2	Ronan Clancy	Secretary	
3	John McDowell	Treasurer	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Group's/District's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Policies and procedures adopted for:

- a) the induction and training of trustees;
- b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every 6 months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1)

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 2)

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C**Objectives and activities**

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The above objectives are achieved by providing an enjoyable scheme of progressive training based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership. This includes weekly Section meetings with age-appropriate activities, including games, badgework and craft/art activities. The young people also participate in Outings and Camps and events organised at both District and County level.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

Public benefit statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D**Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Both sections of the group have remained active. Numbers have remained constant however are smaller than in previous years. It is hoped that a recruitment drive will help to boost the numbers in the coming year.

Section meetings take place during term-time following a structured programme to engage and support young people in their personal development empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Both Cub and Scout sections enjoyed weekends away

Section E**Financial Review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £2000

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

• how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

• investment policy and objectives

Investment Policy (Specimen 2)

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

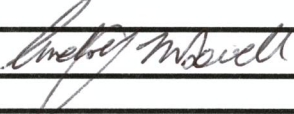
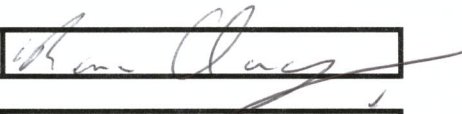
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Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Andrew McDowell	Ronan Clancy
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Chairman	Secretary
Date	2 1 0 6 1 9	

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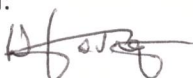
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Signed:



Name: William Young

Address: 31 Church Road, Ballynahinch. Co.Down, BT24 8LP

Date: 3rd June 2019