

Trustee Annual Report

Name of Charity	1st Cullybackey Scout Group
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Charity Registration Number	03916
Year Start Date	1/1/2024
Year End Date	31/12/2024

The Purpose of your Charity	<p>Purpose</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Purpose of Scouting</p> <p>Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting</p> <p>Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.</p> <p>Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.</p> <p>Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.</p> <p>Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.</p> <p>Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p>The Scout Method</p> <p>Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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.
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The principal address of the Charity	<i>Cunningham Memorial Church Hall Shelling Hill Road Cullybackey BT42 1NH</i>
The names of all Charity Trustees	<i>Larissa Higgins – Chair Judith Lawton – Treasurer Alana Marrs – Secretary Lorraine McDowell – Lead Volunteer Heather Fleck – Beaver Leader Steven Millar – Scout Leader Mick McKeown – Explorer Leader Philip Kyle Stephen Marrs Caroline Steele Laura Thompson</i>
The financial year the report relates to	<i>2024</i>

<p>A summary of the Charity's main activities and achievements in the year</p>	<p>1st Cullybackey Scout Group – Annual Report 2024</p> <p>Squirrels</p> <p>The Squirrels started with 19 members and 2 Leaders and 2 Helpers. During the year they participated in a number of different activities that included; visit from Crafts for Christ, walks down the Millenium Path, visit to Rosepark Farm, took part Children's Day and Remembrance Day parades and services, donated to Tesco's foodbank, and planted potatoes in the community garden.</p> <p>Squirrels have also worked through activity badges such as Super Chef, Get Creative, Brilliant Builder, Explore Outdoors, Get Active, Let it Grow as well as Stage 1 of the Community Impact Badge and Navigator Badge. Four Squirrels were awarded the Chief Scout Acorn, the highest award in Squirrels, and now they can proudly wear it on their uniform.</p> <p>Beavers</p> <p>There are 24 Beavers in the Colony and they have taken part in various District events including a Hike, Quiz and Christmas party. They also had a very enjoyable sleepover in the Hall, been canoeing, had visits from Crafts for Christ and St John's Ambulance, and had an ME active night. Six Beavers achieved the Chief Scout Bronze Award, the highest one in the Beaver Section and everyone has completed various parts of Challenge and Activity badges such as Cyclist and Money. Beavers have also attended an Ice Hockey game in Belfast, took part in a Treasure Hunt around the village, and participated in Children's Day and Remembrance Day parades and services.</p> <p>Cubs</p> <p>There are 25 Cubs in the Pack with 5 Leaders and 2 young Helpers. Cubs have attended camps at Movanager Fish Farm and Crawfordsburn Scout Centre. They have had visits from ME active, Crafts for Christ, Community Rescue and went to see around the Fire Station. Cubs also took part in community work around the village by participating in a litter pick and Christmas Lights switch on event. Cubs have completed the Outdoor and Adventure challenge badges and several Activity badges, with 9 Cubs earning the Chief Scout Silver Award, the highest one in Cub Section. Cubs took part in several District events including the Quiz,</p>
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	<p>Orienteering, Hockey, Football, Hike, Flag and were placed second in the Tom Montgomery Cup for participation in District activities. Cubs have also participated in Children's Day and Remembrance Day parades and services.</p> <p>Scouts</p> <p>The Troop now has 24 Scouts following a large number moving up from Cubs in September, with a good mix of boys and girls. We now have a leadership team of 5 with additional support from the Explorer Scouts when required.</p> <p>Scouts attended an Easter Camp at Movanager and Summer Weekend at Crawfordsburn Scout Centre. They also took part in Children's Day and Remembrance Day parades in the village and went to watch the Ice Hockey in Belfast. Scouts have also taken part in all of the District events including Dodge ball, Football, Cooking, First Aid and the Quiz.</p> <p>All Scouts have earned badges and awards in the past twelve months as they worked through the themed zones our Scout programme. These badges have included the Adventure, Outdoor, Teamwork and Skills Challenge Awards, in addition to Activity badges such as First Aid, Sports, Craft, Digital, Chef, Swimmer, Circus Skills, Street Sports and Sports Enthusiast.</p> <p>The Scouts have continued to help and support the Cullybackey Community Partnership by continuing to plant and maintain the community vegetable garden in the village, and have carried out litter picking around the village. At Easter, several Scouts helped plant sapling trees in the new woodland area being established on the outskirts of the village.</p> <p>Explorers</p> <p>The Explorer Unit has 4 members who help out with the other Sections on a regular basis as Young Leaders. They have participated in District events such as Dodgeball, Emergency Services, and Survival Skills, and attended camps at Movanager and Crawfordsburn Scout Centre. They have taken part in Children's Day and Remembrance Day parades in the village and went to an Ice Hockey match in Belfast. The Explorers have played a key role in planting and maintaining the Community Garden, planting trees and participated in several litter picks and village 'tidy up' events during the year.</p>
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<p>A statement that the Trustees have had with regard to the Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The public 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Scouting's beneficiaries are children and young people.</p> <p>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.</p>
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<p>Organisation and management of the Charity by the Trustees</p>	<p>The Group'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.</p> <p>The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scout Charities.</p> <p>The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.</p> <p>The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, 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.</p> <p>The Trustee Board consists of 2 independent representatives, Chair and Treasurer, along with nominated, elected, ex-officio, and co-opted (if co-opted to take on the responsibility) and others with required skills / knowledge, and meets every four months.</p> <p>The Trustee Board is responsible for the financial management and other governance matters such as safeguarding and insurance.</p> <p>Members of the Trustee Board complete the 'Trustee Training' module after joining the Board.</p>
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<p>A review of the Charity's financial position at the end of the year</p>	<p>The Group had a successful year and the Group Accounts are in a healthy state due to several successful fundraising activities having taken place during the year, and no significant items of expenditure incurred. Income and expenditure in 2024 was circa £18.5k and £12.75k respectively generating a surplus of circa £5.75k.</p> <p>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 or there would be an unexpected financial demand.</p> <p>The Trustee Board therefore considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months normal running costs in the region of £13k.</p> <p>The Group held reserves of circa £14.75k against this at the year end which is just slightly the level required to operate the Group effectively during a normal annual cycle.</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>Not Relevant</p>
<p>One or more of the Charity Trustees must sign and date this box.</p>	<p>Larissa Higgins - Chair</p> <p><i>Larissa Higgins</i></p> <p>Date: 2 November 2025</p> <p>Steven Millar – Scout Leader</p> <p><i>Steven Millar</i></p> <p>Date: 2 November 2025</p>

