

3rd Newtownards Scout Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103965

Details

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| Status | Received |
| Registered | 2015-09-28 |
| 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: Community development, Cross-border/cross-community, Cultural, Sport/recreation, Volunteer development

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

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £21,609 | £20,496 | £0 | 0 |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-----------------------|------|-----------|
| Leanne Mcgrath | | |
| Miss Charli Ogg | | |
| Miss Suzanne Mc Grath | | |
| Mr Irwin Robinson | | |
| Mr Josh Robinson | | |
| Mrs Elaine Anderson | | |
| Stephanie Potter | | |
| Stephen Markwell | | |

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Accounts

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Stephen Markwell Treasurer

Helen Caughey

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|---|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Balance brought forward £2283.20 | £2283.20 | | | |
| Income | | Date | Receipt no. | Cheque no. |
| Gift aid from HMRC | £1760.87 | 18/9/24 | | 1 |
| EA Grant Annual Funding | £2200.00 | 29/10/24 | | |
| Membership fees from Scouts Bank Transfer | £1092.00 | 27/3/25 | Statement 217 | |
| Membership fees from Beavers Bank Transfer | £700.00 | 31/3/25 | Statement 217 | |
| Membership fees from Beavers Bank Transfer | £73.50 | 31/3/25 | Statement 217 | |
| Membership fees from Cubs Cheque | £1183.00 | 29/3/25 | Statement 217 | |
| Total income | £7009.37 | | | |
| Total income including balance brought forward | £9292.57 | | | |

| Expenditure | 3rd Newtownards | Scout Accounts | for 2024 - 2025 | |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| | Date | Amount | Receipt no. | Cheque no. |
| Bank Fees Nov - Feb | 8/4/24 | £12.68 | 1 | |
| Leaving Present for GSL (Helen) Owed to I Markwell | 28/5/24 | £90.00 | 2 | 500305 |
| GSL Leaving present (flowers, card) | 31/5/24 | £12.00 | 3 | 500306 |
| End of year supplies owed to H Caughey | 31/5/24 | £51.89 | 4 | 500307 |
| Bank Fees Feb - May | 5/6/24 | £19.19 | 5 | |
| Bank Fees June - Aug | 4/10/24 | £11.60 | 6 | |
| Leaving present for Minister owed to H Caughey | 27/9/24 | £40.00 | 7 | 500308 |
| Gift Aid share to Beavers | 11/10/24 | £630.00 | | 500309 |
| Gift Aid share to Cubs | 11/10/24 | £595.00 | | 500310 |
| Gift Aid share to Scouts | 11/10/24 | £437.50 | | 500311 |
| Unity Insurance Services Non-Member He;pers | 14/11/24 | £52.00 | 8 | 500312 |
| Bank Fees Aug - Nov | 3/1/25 | £12.46 | 9 | |
| Reimbursed to Beavers for Crawfordsburn activities | 12/2/25 | £267.75 | 10 | 500313 |
| Reimbursed to Cubs towards Crawfordsburn camp | 12/2/25 | £500.00 | 11 | 500314 |
| Heat and Light to St Mark's Church | 6/3/25 | £300.00 | 12 | 500315 |
| Reimbursed to Scouts for Crawfordsburn camp | 6/3/25 | £510.00 | 13 | 500316 |
| Unity Insurance Services for Equipment etc | 18/3/25 | £347.35 | 14 | 500317 |
| Membership Fees to District | 28/3/25 | £3594.50 | 15 | 500318 |
| Reimbursed to Beavers for Cinema visit | 29/3/25 | £165.00 | 16 | 500319 |
| Owed to S Markwell Stamps | 31/3/25 | £6.80 | 17 | 500320 |
| Total Expenditure | | £7655.72 | | |

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| Stamps | | Date | | |
| Unity Insurance Services Non-Member Insurance Cheque | 1 | 14/11/24 | | |
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| Cubs | £1177.41 | £6163.40 | £5583.24 | £1757.57 |
| Scouts | £5719.26 | £6929.68 | £8496.37 | £4152.57 |
| Section Totals | £9623.55 | £17682.33 | £18113.07 | £9192.81 |
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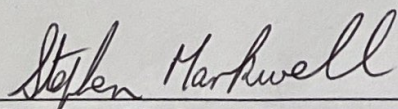
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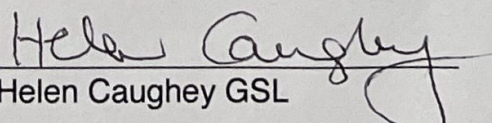
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| Stamps | | Date | | |
| Membership Fees sent to District | 1 | 15/3/24 | | |
| Unity Insurance Services equipment Insurance Cheque | 1 | 28/3/24 | | |
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Annual report

Annual Report for 3rd Newtownards Scout Group 2023-2024

Registered Charity NIC103965

Trustee Board

Stephen Markwell (Treasurer)
Helen Caughey (GSL)
Danielle Markwell
Stephanie Potter
Leanne McGrath

3rd Newtownards Squirrel Scouts April 2023 – March 2024

This year there were eleven registered Squirrels who attended regularly. The programme included games connected to badges. Activities were both inside and outside in the Church grounds when weather permitted. The planned visit mentioned in last year's report to Air-tastic in Bangor was a great success.

Other activities included crafts, games and Halloween and Christmas parties.

Once again we grateful to the parents who have helped out as leaders throughout the year.

3rd Newtownards Beaver Colony April 2023 – March 2024

3rd Ards Beaver Scout – Report September 2023 to May 2024

We had 8 new Beavers take their scout promise in this scouting year and they have made an excellent start into their scouting journey.

The children were awarded 217 badges this does not include the name badge, county badge, District badge, or indeed the Ulster badge.

The Beavers completed challenge badges which in turn has helped them develop and gain confidence. They have had to work in team situations where they were asked to vote for a leader who guided the team. The Beavers also had to work on their own to complete parts of the badges which they did. The badge work helped the quietest of Beavers as they were completing tasks without realising that they were engaging with others. We enjoy time to let the Beavers discuss various topics from environmental changes to world disasters and how to help people from countries less well off than ourselves. To complete one of our badges the Beavers were joined by a member of the Guide Dog Association. She was able to educate our young people not only how dogs help people with seeing difficulties but also how we should approach and look after our dogs. We then had a pizza night where the children made pizzas and their parents joined us. We asked for donations and we raised £100 which was forwarded to the Guide Dogs.

We were also fortunate to be able to get the young people out and about. We visited Mount Stewart where the children were taught about the environment and the animals living near us. They also completed a hike from Crawfordsburn Scout Centre to Stricklands Glen, and another one where we climbed up the front of Scrabo Hill, both of which were enjoyed by all. We also had our Christmas outing to play ten pin bowling. We finished our scouting year with a sleep over at Crawfordsburn Scout Centre where the Beavers had a varied programme which included playing cricket, star gazing, camp fire and camp songs. We made smores and attempted the climbing wall and grass sledging.

In conclusion I must say that I am so delighted to report that we had 12 Beavers who achieved their Bronze Chief Scout award and I was so proud to present these to them at the swimming up ceremony which took place in May.

Elaine Anderson
Beaver Scout Leader
3rd Ards Beaver Leader

3rd Newtownards Cub Scouts April 2023 - March 2024

The Cubs had twenty eight members and were very active this year doing a range of activities.

They had a summer camp at Ballyhornan and moving up ceremony before the Summer break.

From September onwards they attended the annual youth service in the church, held another camp at Crawfordsburn for the Sixers and Seconders and did a pioneering badge. There was a Halloween party and Water Polo session in Bangor Pool and a visit to Clip and Climb all before Christmas.

The new year saw a music night, Winter Olympics and sessions devoted to Global issues and environmental conservation.

As a result of these activities many badges were gained by the young folk.

On the sporting front the Cubs took part in the District and Northern Ireland Uni-hoc competitions.

3rd Ards Scouts Activity Report - April 2023 to March 2024

During the year 23/24, the Scout Section continues to be active and striving to provide a programme which is very much youth lead, with an overall focus on ensuring that each member will achieve their Chief Scout Gold Award at the end of their 4 years with us.

At the end of the last scout year (April to June 2023), the scouts took part in Easter Camp at Crawfordsburn (29 members attending), Expedition Camp (9 attending) and TOE (20 members attending). We also had a number of scouts attending the Trash the Trash day working in the local area in Newtownards just off the Jubilee Road.

In June we welcomed cubs into the troop and had our meetings outdoors during June at Crawfordsburn. This gave the scouts an opportunity to get to know each other through team games as well as taking part in Tomahawks, Archery, and Abseiling. We finished off the year with a presentation from the scouts who completed their Expedition Hike / Camp, along with a BBQ and Campfire.

The start of the new term saw a number of scouts and new cubs not returning in the new term due to clashes with other extra circular activities, including football, swimming, gymnastics and transition to secondary school.

In the first term of the new year (September to December), scouts attended the youth service at St Marks. In October, we held a membership camp for those joining the troop which was held in Cladagh Glen Scout Accommodation (indoor camp). Then in November it was the turn of the older scouts, who had an outdoor (hammock camp) which incorporated some environmental work at Mount Stewart.

Other activities in the first term included developing our code of conduct for the year, internet safety, investiture of new scouts, ninja warrior assault course, halloween party, local knowledge walk and quiz and volunteering at the Warehouse, designing Christmas Cards for others in the local community.

The second term (January to March), saw scouts learning about disabilities and taking part in challenges to develop their team working skills. We also had a night hike and wide game in Mount Stewart and took part in Jambowlree (ten pin bowling event), as well as enjoying some pancakes and taking part in the Holy Week service at St Marks.

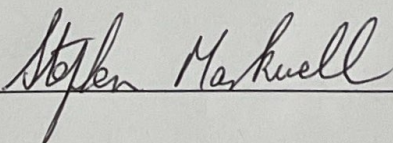
In January we had 9 scouts attend the presentation at Belfast City Hall and receive their Chief Scout Gold Award, with other Scouts from across Northern Ireland.

As for camps, PLs and APLs attending a NI Training Event in February and then we had a weekend away to test our map reading & navigation skills at Shephards Lodge (17 members attending) located in Donard Forest Park.

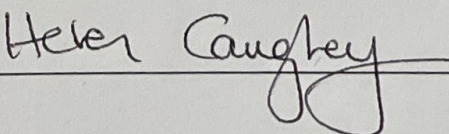
Leanne Mc Grath Scout Leader

Signed

Stephen Markwell (Group Treasurer)



Helen Caughey (GSL)



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Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the charity trustees of 3rd Newtownards Scout Group

Charity Number NOC 103965

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

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 guidance 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(b)(9) 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 concern 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 M. Mc Blain

Name: Mary Mc Blain

Date: 12/12/2024

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| Income | | Date | Receipt no. | Cheque no. |
| Squirrel Membership fees direct into account | £90.00 | April 2022 | | |
| Donation from Belfast Girls Club | £2000.00 | 2/6/22 | 1 | Transferred 2 x £1000 |
| Gift aid from HMRC | £1618.76 | 28/6/22 | 2 | |
| Rebate from Membership Fees | £60.00 | 9/11/22 | | |
| EA Grant Annual Funding | £3000.00 | 18/11/22 | 3 | |
| Beaver parent fee payment to Group Account | £26.00 | 20/1/23 | | |
| Squirrel Membership fees direct into account | £150.00 | January 2023 | | |
| Membership fees from Cubs Cheque | £1740.00 | 7/3/23 | | |
| Membership fees from Beavers Cheque | £957.00 | 7/3/23 | | |
| Membership fees from Scouts Bank Transfer | £1783.50 | 7/3/23 | | |
| Squirrel Membership fees direct into account | £150.00 | Feb / March 2023 | | |
| Total income | £11575.26 | | | |
| Total income including balance brought forward | £13215.68 | | | |

| 3rd Newtownards Scout Accounts for 2022 - 2023 | | | | | |
|--|----------|------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Expenditure | Date | Amount | Receipt no | Cheque no | |
| Floral Wreath for Funeral Suzie Mc Cracken | 4/4/22 | £80 00 | | 1 | Owed to S Markwell One cheque |
| Account Fees Nov - Feb | 6/4/22 | £14 20 | | 2 | |
| Leader Management Training H Caughey | 8/4/22 | £10 00 | | 3 | Owed to S Markwell issued |
| Book of Stamps from Postoffice | 8/4/22 | £8 16 | | 4 500235 | Owed to S Markwell for £140 06 |
| Refreshments for Moving up Ceremony | 6/5/22 | £41 90 | | 5 | Owed to S Markwell On 6/5/22 |
| Ink for Printer | 1/6/22 | £63 90 | | 6 500236 | Owed to S Markwell |
| Wood Badge Training A Bettes | 14/6/22 | £20 00 | | 7 500237 | Owed to S Markwell |
| Scout Shop for Scarves 24 @ £6 | 24/6/22 | £144 00 | | 8 500238 | |
| Bank fees Feb - May | 6/7/22 | £16 15 | | 9 | |
| Envelope for EA Receipts information | 13/9/22 | £0 85 | | 10 | Owed to S Markwell One cheque |
| Recorded Delivery Postage for EA Receipts | 13/9/22 | £7 65 | | 11 500239 | Owed to S Markwell issued for £8 50 |
| Memorial Flowers for Queen Elizabeth II | 18/9/22 | £30 00 | | 12 500240 | Owed to I Markwell |
| Bank fees May - Aug | 6/10/22 | £13 54 | | 13 | |
| Recorded Delivery Postage for extra EA Receipts | 20/10/22 | £6 85 | | 14 500241 | Owed to S Markwell |
| Gift Aid share to Cubs | 21/10/22 | £610 31 | | 500242 | |
| Gift Aid share to Beavers | 21/10/22 | £204 50 | | 500243 | |
| Gift Aid share to Scouts | 21/10/22 | £478 60 | | 500244 | |
| Owed to Anne Drysdale for Squirrel Outing | 9/11/22 | £142 50 | | 15 500245 | |
| Unity Insurance Non Member Helpers | 11/11/22 | £52 00 | | 16 500246 | |
| Scout Shop Scarves 26 @ £7.00 | 11/11/22 | £182 00 | | 17 500247 | |
| Badges for Squirrels 90 @ £0.85 | 11/11/22 | £76 50 | | 18 500248 | |
| Funeral Donation to S.S.A.S. re Roy Adams | 16/12/22 | £20 00 | | 19 500249 | |
| Bank fees Aug - Nov | 5/1/23 | £17 03 | | 20 | |
| Refreshments for Meeting owed to H Gaughey | 19/1/23 | £23 16 | | 21 500250 | |
| Reimbursed to Scouts for Camp Accommodation | 19/1/23 | £540 00 | | 22 500271 | |
| Reimbursed to Cubs for Cinema Visit | 19/1/23 | £263 00 | | 23 500272 | |
| Reimbursed to Beavers for Ark Farm Visit | 19/1/23 | £294 00 | | 24 500273 | |
| Deposit for Accommodation for Cubs to NISCC | 19/1/23 | £180 00 | | 25 500274 | |
| Contribution to Suzanne for World Jamboree | 19/1/23 | £250 00 | | 500275 | |
| Heat and Light to St Mark's Church | 19/1/23 | £300 00 | | 26 500276 | |
| Woodbadge Training for Pamela | 6/2/23 | £20 00 | | 27 500277 | Owed to S Markwell |
| Contribution to Scouts for Toe 2023 Camp Deposit | 6/2/23 | £640 00 | | 28 500278 | |
| Refund to Beavers for Fee payment to Group Account | 25/2/23 | £26 00 | | 500279 | |
| Reimbursed to Cubs for Ballyhornan Camp Deposit | 25/2/23 | £100 00 | | 29 500280 | |
| Reimbursed to Beavers for Airtastic outing | 2/3/23 | £208 95 | | 30 500281 | |
| Membership fees to District | 8/3/23 | £5046 00 | | 31 500282 | |
| Unity Insurances for Equipment etc. | 25/3/23 | £355 52 | | 32 500283 | |
| Total Expenditure | | £10487 27 | | | |

3rd Newtownards Scout Accounts for 2022 - 2023

| Stamps | Date | |
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| Letter of thanks to Belfast Girl's Club | 1 | 7/6/22 |
| Letter to Unity Insurance Non member helpers | 1 | 11/11/22 |
| Membership Fees sent to District | 1 | 8/3/23 |
| Unity Insurances for Equipment etc. | 1 | 25/3/23 |

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| Balance at 31/3/23 | £2728.41 |

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3rd Newtownards Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103965

Annual report

Annual Report for 3rd Newtownards Scout Group 2022-2023 Registered Charity NIC103965

Trustee Board

Stephen Markwell (Treasurer)
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3rd Newtownards Squirrel Scouts April 2022 – March 2023

This year the Squirrel Section has continued to develop within the Group. Their accounts and report are included within this one.

The programme this year included games connected to badges. Some of these activities were outside in the Church grounds when weather permitted. There was a visit from Animal Zoo who who came to the Drey to display their animals. As we write this report we are planning to end the year with a visit to Artistic in Bangor.

We grateful to the parents who have helped out as leaders throughout the year but continue looking for extra leaders to help out and we are confident the programme of activities will continue to develop.

3rd Newtownards Beaver Colony April 2022 – March 2023

We had 23 Beavers take their Scout Promise in this scouting year.

The children were awarded 111 badges this does not include the name badge, county badge, District badge, or indeed the Ulster badge.

The Beavers completed challenge badges which in turn has helped them develop and gain confidence. They have had to work in a team situations where they were asked to vote for a leader who guided the team. This leader would have changed so that everyone was included. The Beavers also had to work on their own to complete parts of the badges which they did. These badges helped the quietest of Beavers as they were completing tasks without realising that they were engaging with others. All Beavers have really developed confidence and are encouraged to talk and also listen to others. We enjoy time to let the Beavers discuss various topics from environmental changes to world disasters and how to help people from countries less well off than ourselves. To complete one of our badges the Beavers joined forces with the church and brought in food, sweets and other items for our parishioners who are currently having a tough time with the cost-of-living crisis.

We were also fortunate to be able to get the young people out and about. We visited the Ark Open Farm and went to Airtastic. These two activities were so different and the children loved every minute from meeting and feeding the animals and having great fun without realising that they were actually keeping fit.

During the scouting year we had visits from Jump Jiggle and Jive which was great fun and we had a very exciting visit from the Police Service of Northern Ireland Dog Team. This

visit showed the children how dogs are used in search and rescue. The children were also encouraged to talk to the Police Officers who answered any questions they had about contacting the police in general.

We had a full and varied programme this year finishing off with the annual Beaver Rally Day in Crawfordsburn Scout Camp. Eighteen of our young people attended and completed a full day of activities.

Our children have enjoyed our programme throughout the year and we will continue to engage with all our parents to make sure each and every child has fun, and develops as a person.

Elaine Anderson Beaver Scout Leader

3rd Newtownards Cub Scouts April 2022 - March 2023

Registered 40 Cubs, 6 Young Leaders and 9 Leaders

There was a full programme of activities this year. Young Beavers were invested and the members renewed their Promise with the rest of the pack. Badges gained included Communicators and Safety Online where we had a guest speaker from the Education Authority who explained cyber security and how to stay safe when using social media. A visit to our local leisure centre for swimming badges and a lot of fun was had long with a Halloween Party before the half term break.

In November we participated in the District Quiz where we came 1st and 3rd, congratulations to both teams. During the month the Cubs learnt about remembrance. December saw us making Christmas crafts and having an outing to the cinema.

Between January and April more badges were gained including Home Help (sewing on buttons, Ironing a scarf, and polishing shoes and silverware). Other badges gained were Musician and Astronomy along with a new badge called Money Skills where we learnt about different world currencies. There was an enjoyable Gardener's night where we planted sunflowers, wildflowers and peas. Other fun badges included Entertainers, Hobbies, Crafts and Archery. The Sixers and Seconders attended a camp at Crawfordsburn Scout Centre where they tried out Airsoft shooting and a 3G swing as well as navigating a route map around the Country Park and finishing off with a well deserved ice cream.

There are still many activities planned before we break up for the summer and we look forward to reporting about them in next year's report.

Stephanie Potter (Akela)

3rd Ards Scouts Activity Report - April 2022 to March 2023

Over this period the scout section has awarded 240 badges to our members, four of which were the top award in Scouting the Chief Scout Gold Award. To achieve this scouts have to complete 9 challenge awards, 6 activity badges and at least 8 nights away with scouts.

We have a very active group of young people who are engaged in the programme which is lead by them. As a troop we ask for input from the scouts on a regular basis for the

programme, what they think can be done better or differently and what they would like to see on the programme. This is done in May/June which feeds into the programming for Sept to January and then again in October / November which feeds into our programme for February to June.

Over this period scouts have taken part in a number of different activities including tent pitching, map reading and route planning, abseiling, tomhawk throwing, archery, field games, fire lighting & Bush craft.

The young people have also been out and about on outdoor walks, exploring our local area with a local knowledge quiz, night hikes around Scrabo, Helens Tower and Mount Stewart Estate. We also practiced our navigation skills around Tollymore during a camp.

We have also provided a number of different camps both indoors and outdoors. These camps have been targeted at younger members of the group on their own as well as an opportunity for the older scouts to get together and have a chill camp on their own. There was also our Easter camp in April 2022 where we had 23 young people in attendance.

The young people have also taken part in County and NI Events when they where available. Most of these events are restricted in numbers to only one or two teams per troop and are normally offered on a first come first served basis.

Over this period, the troop attended the county archery competition, county incident hike and qualified to the NI Incident Hike, the Mechanics Badge and the NI Patrol Training weekend.

At Christmas time the scouts also visited the Warehouse in Newtownards and made some gift tags and Christmas Cards to go into the Christmas Hampers.

Overall it has been a very successful year for the Scout Section.

Leanne Mc Grath Scout Leader

Signed

Stephen Markwell (Group Treasurer) Stephen Markwell

Helen Caughey (GSL) Helen Caughey

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Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the charity trustees of 3rd Newtownards Scout Group

Charity Number NOC 103965

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out below.

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 guidance 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(b)(9) 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 concern 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 Mary Mc Blain

Name: Mary Mc Blain

Date: 10/7/23