

62nd Belfast Scout Group

**The Annual Report for Year
Ended March 2025**



62nd Belfast Scout Group – Year Review

It is a privilege to present to the Scout Group Council the 2024-2025 Annual Report for 62nd Belfast Scout Group. As you will note, the Scout Group remains community-led, filled with energetic and passionate young people; volunteers who are committed to providing quality experiences and memorable opportunities; and supportive parents and guardians who continue to see the benefit of the Scouting programme.

As you will see from this report, our sections continue to provide fantastic programmes to our young people, from culture learning initiatives, health and wellbeing activities, community impact opportunities and not forgetting the many nights camping or making s'mores! Most importantly, we continue to see young people feeling positively challenged and displaying the skill of perseverance, whether that be learning something new during a weekly programme or the feeling of achievement after a tough expedition.

Following our previous Annual General Meeting (AGM) in June 2024, we concluded our celebrations of our centenary. This celebration was a milestone of success and we can only thank our young people, volunteers and supporters for continuing to play their individual supporting roles, but most importantly the centenary was a celebration of the memories created and a reminder to us for what is to come in our future.

Within this Scouting year, there have been some lovely moments of where you see Scouting being truly intergenerational. Whether it's at the side of a campfire or singing carols at Christmas, it is truly amazing to see Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers working in partnership with life-long Scouters or members of the community, especially where we can learn, support or help each other. In January 2025, our Group Lead Volunteer, Deane Dawson, stepped down after just over five years in the role. I want to personally thank Deane for his time as Group Lead Volunteer, formerly known as Group Scout Leader, of 62nd Belfast Scout Group, as he truly ensured at every opportunity young people were able to have fun and there were no barriers to Scouting opportunities. During Deane's time, two notable achievements were leading the Scout Group out of the pandemic and coordinating the Group's Centenary Camp at Ardnally Scout Centre. Thank you for everything, Deane!

I would like to close by paying tribute to our Trustee Board and Group Leadership, both groups of volunteers ensure the smooth running of 62nd Belfast from programmes to governance, it is truly appreciated.

Scott Robinson, Interim Group Lead Volunteer

Group Location

The Scout Den at Newtownbreda Presbyterian Church, 374-378 Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 3HX. The Den is a small hall for meetings and equipment storage. Main activities are carried out in the adjoining St Johns Hall.

Group Correspondence

All correspondence should be sent to:

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Personnel of the Trustee Board

The Trustees who comprise the Group Trustee Board on 31/03/2025 are:

- Gordon Myles (Chair)
- Scott Robinson (Interim Group Lead Volunteer, Trustee & Interim joint Treasurer)
- Marjorie Guiler (Trustee & Interim joint Treasurer)
- Helen Morrissey (Trustee)
- Liz Dudgeon (Trustee)
- Jonathan Dudgeon (Trustee)
- Stephen Mallett (Trustee)
- Scott Guiler (Trustee)
- Kenny Campbell (Trustee)
- Michael Forsythe (Trustee)
- Claire Compston (Trustee)
- Beth Dawson (Trustee)

Please Note: All Trustees live in NI and activities held are based in Belfast County.

62nd Trustee Update

Following the resignation of our previous Treasurer in June 2023 we have yet to appoint a new Treasurer. Two of our Trustees, Scott Robinson and Marjorie Guiler, have jointly been carrying out this function on a temporary basis.

The NI Charity Commission website has been updated with any changes to the group.

The Trustees have examined the NICC statutory guidance on the Public Benefit requirements and consider they have complied with it in full.

62nd Belfast Scout Group Structure

The 62nd Belfast Scout Group is a constituent member of the UK Scout Association and follows its rules and policies as laid down in a document known as POR (Policy Organisation and Rules). There are 5 sections – Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers which are age-related as set out below in the census section. The Section Leader for each section is a Trustee as per POR and included above.

The Group is a cross-community with different church and ethnic backgrounds represented. 62nd Belfast Scout Group have a Constitution which is agreed upon annually and followed throughout the year by the elected Trustee Board.

The position of Group President is currently held by John Lyons.

Purpose and Benefit

Scouting is established to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals and responsible citizens.

This also benefits the local and wider communities to which they belong. By gaining Awards and badges set up by Scouts UK they learn and display knowledge and skills which will be of value to them throughout their lives. Activities and badges are tailored for the separate age groups.

62nd Belfast Membership

Census (January 2025)

- Squirrel Drey – 18 Members
- Beaver Colony – 16 Members
- Cub Pack – 21 Members
- Scout Troop – 29 Members
- Explorer Unit – 14 Members
- Trustee Members – 13 Members
- Other Volunteers – 10 Members
- **Total Number of Group: 121 Members**

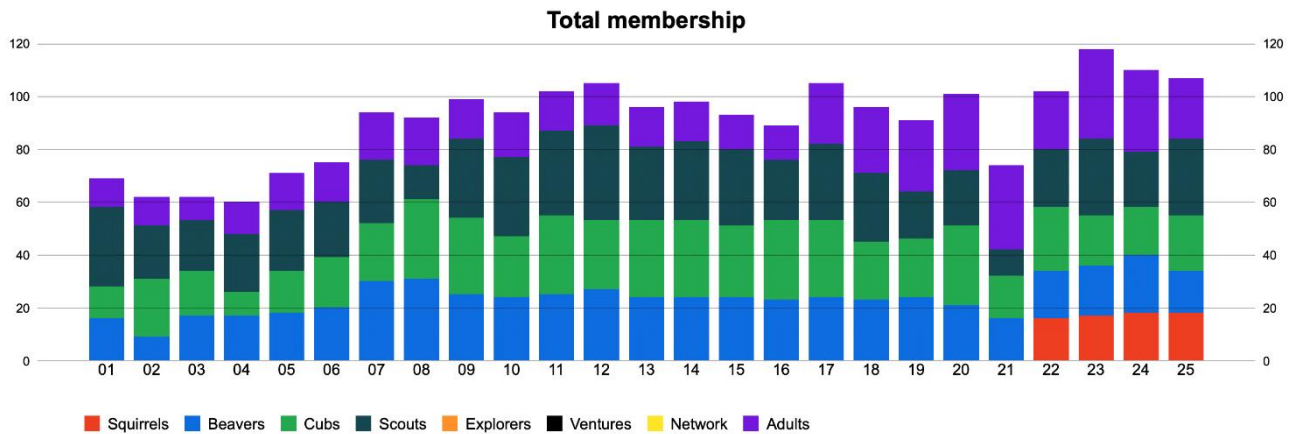


Figure 1 - Group Membership Comparison (excluding Explorers) – Bar Chart

Census of Membership in S10010779 - 62nd Belfast																										
Membership by year																										
Census	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Census
Squirrels	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	17	18	18
%change																							6.2%	5.9%		
Beavers	16	9	17	17	18	20	30	31	25	24	25	27	24	24	24	23	24	23	24	21	16	18	19	22	16	
%change		-43.8%	88.9%		5.9%	11.1%	50.0%	3.3%	-19.4%	-4.0%	4.2%	8.0%	-11.1%			-4.2%	4.3%	-4.2%	4.3%	-12.5%	-23.8%	12.5%	5.6%	15.8%	-27.3%	
Cubs	12	22	17	9	16	19	22	30	29	23	30	26	29	29	27	30	29	22	22	30	16	24	19	18	21	
%change		83.3%	-22.7%	-47.1%	77.8%	18.8%	15.8%	36.4%	-3.3%	-20.7%	30.4%	-13.3%	11.5%		-6.9%	11.1%	-3.3%	-24.1%		36.4%	-46.7%	50.0%	-20.8%	-5.3%	16.7%	
Scouts	30	20	19	22	23	21	24	13	30	30	32	36	28	30	29	23	29	26	18	21	10	22	29	21	29	
%change		-33.3%	-5.0%	15.8%	4.5%	-8.7%	14.3%	-45.8%	130.8%		6.7%	12.5%	-22.2%	7.1%	-3.3%	-20.7%	26.1%	-10.3%	-30.8%	16.7%	-52.4%	120.0%	31.8%	-27.6%	38.1%	
Total YP	58	51	53	48	57	60	76	74	84	77	87	89	81	83	80	76	82	71	64	72	42	80	84	79	84	
%change		-12.1%	3.9%	-9.4%	18.8%	5.3%	26.7%	-2.6%	13.5%	-8.3%	13.0%	2.3%	-9.0%	2.5%	-3.6%	-5.0%	7.9%	-13.4%	-9.9%	12.5%	-41.7%	90.5%	5.0%	-6.0%	6.3%	
Adults	11	11	9	12	14	15	18	18	15	17	15	16	15	15	13	13	23	25	27	29	32	22	34	31	23	
%change			-18.2%	33.3%	16.7%	7.1%	20.0%		-16.7%	13.3%	-11.8%	6.7%	-6.2%		-13.3%		76.9%	8.7%	8.0%	7.4%	10.3%	-31.2%	54.5%	-8.8%	-25.8%	
Total	69	62	62	60	71	75	94	92	99	94	102	105	96	98	93	89	105	96	91	101	74	102	118	110	107	
%change		-10.1%		-3.2%	18.3%	5.6%	25.3%	-2.1%	7.6%	-5.1%	8.5%	2.9%	-8.6%	2.1%	-5.1%	-4.3%	18.0%	-8.6%	-5.2%	11.0%	-26.7%	37.8%	15.7%	-6.8%	-2.7%	

Figure 2 - Group Membership Comparison (excluding Explorers) – Data Set

62nd Belfast: Finance

No two years are ever the same in Scouting!

Income this year totalled £13,427. This was £3,949 lower than 2024 but for good reasons:

- Income from activities was £2,400 lower – last year there were 2 major camps (Lagan District and our Centenary camp), only 1 small District camp this year.
- The EA grant was £1,500 lower – last year we were awarded a supplementary amount at the end of the year, EA funding did not allow this in 2024/25
- It was our centenary last year and we sold souvenir mugs, not repeated this year.

Subscriptions received totalled £6,870 and another year of Gift Aid was claimed. Expenses were also lower, totalling £14,047.

Capitation for our 92 members as at 31st January totalled £4,140. It is paid to The Scout Association and covers insurance for members and leaders, safeguarding and administrative costs. It represents 64% of the money we charge you each year, leaving 36% for programme costs. Camps and outings include the cost of the District camp and other outings through the year. We contributed £1,100 in the year to the church who generously enable us to meet weekly in the halls and cover the insurance on the scout den.

During the year we commenced a refurbishment programme on the scout den to bring it up to current safety standards and to improve the storage facilities for the scout group equipment. This will continue in the year to come.

We were very pleased to be able to support our 2 Explorer scouts and Leader who are travelling to Cambodia in the summer to work with Habitat for Humanity and this year's fundraising at the duck race was contributed to Community Search and Rescue, another very worthy cause.

The (planned) deficit for the year was £620. Our funds at 31 March totalled £22,510 – still a very healthy total. In addition, we own the Scout Den – valued at £168,945 in the latest insurance renewal – and equipment totalling £18,000.

62nd Belfast Scout Group
Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (NIC 104000)
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
INCOME				
Subs - Beavers, Scouts, Cubs, Explorers	6870		5840	
Duke of Edinburgh	303		525	
Income from activities	2002		4446	
Charity Fundraising	727		825	
EA Grant	2000		3577	
Donations	127		0	
Sale of centenary mugs	0		474	
Gift Aid	1398		1689	
		13427		17376
EXPENSES				
Capitation	4140		3720	
Group activities	1169		1412	
Camps and outings	1741		3207	
Duke of Edinburgh	455		810	
Badges and Scarves	769		771	
Leader Training and Expenses	299		0	
Sponsorship of International Explorer Expedition	1500		0	
Donations to Charity	737		1594	
Equipment	0		328	
Den running costs / outlays	1422		459	
Insurance	265		355	
Newtownbreda P.C. - contribution for halls and insurance	1100		1000	
EA grant returned	0		1053	
Centenary celebrations	0		4284	
AGM expenses	382		711	
Miscellaneous	66		25	
		14047		19730
Deficit for the year		(620)		(2354)
Opening balance 1 April		23130		25484
Closing balance 31 March		22510		23130
Cash at bank 31st March		21610		22065
Cash floats		900		1065
Total		22510		23130
Unrestricted funds		21348		21968
Restricted funds (Squirrels)		1162		1162
		22510		23130
Other Assets at insurance value				
Scout Den	168945		163548	
Camp equipment, fixtures, fittings	18000		17580	
		186945		181128
Other liabilities		0		0
TOTAL NET ASSETS		209455		204258

Independent Examiner's report to the charity trustees of 62nd Belfast Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the charity set out in the Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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.



Denis Guiler, 14 May 2025

Treasurer Newtownbreda Presbyterian Church

Independent Examiner

62nd Belfast: Sectional Reports



Marjorie Guiler

Another good year for the Squirrels – filled with fun, outings and badge “work”. We had 18 Squirrels throughout the year. Eight Squirrels left in September – 6 to Beavers, one to live in Jersey and one to Australia for a year. They were replaced by 8 more from the waiting list. In February 4 moved up to Beavers and we were joined by 4 new bright eyed and bushy tailed Squirrels. We were especially pleased that 9 Squirrels attained their Chief Scout Acorn awards – the highest award in Squirrels. We were honoured to welcome Stephen Bell, the NI Lead Volunteer, to our “Moving up” day in January and he presented 3 Chief Scout Awards.

Squirrels attended 4 Lagan District events – the Outdoors in 24 camp in June, the Halloween fancy dress party night in October and Christmas at Elfnavally and the Ardnally Walk in March. In February they joined about 230 other Squirrels from all over N Ireland at W5. In June we had a great time on an expedition to Crawfordsburn, in memory of Catherine, – train to Helen’s Bay and walk to the Scout Centre via the beach. The pond dipping produced many tiny fish, tadpoles and insects- much to the delight of the boys. A picnic and story at the Squirrel story corner and a play in the woods completed a memorable day for boys and leaders alike.

The year would not have been complete without the now-annual duck race on the Minnowburn and family barbecue and AGM at Ardnally – a fun way to raise money for a worthy cause.

Thank you to all our Leaders – Beth, Rebecca, Claire, Hilary and Laura – Squirrels would not be possible without you. We were sorry to say goodbye to young leaders Harry and Nenagh but were ably served by Adam and by Oscar from January.



Helen Morrissey (Ahmeek)

We had another exciting year in Beavers, with continued high demand for places meaning we are still operating a waiting list.

Lee-Ann Weldon, ABSL and Matthew Catney have continued to help on Monday nights and at events throughout the year. We have struggled for additional help with Steven George and James Farry both helping for part of the year before leaving due to other commitments.

At our weekly meetings we played games, made crafts, had a uni-hoc competition and learnt about the beaver animal. On the Monday before Shrove Tuesday we decorated pancakes with Nutella, jam, butter, smarties, sprinkles and lots, lots more. The Beavers enjoyed making personalised snow globes for their Mums for Mothers' Day. On the Monday evenings when the weather was good we were outside in the church grounds playing games that involved water, following trails and making s'mores over a barbeque.

We took part in several events during the year:

Rally Day - On Saturday 18 May 2024 we travelled by train to Helen's Bay Station and walked the short distance to the NI Scout Centre at Crawfordsburn. We joined several hundred Beaver Scouts from across Northern Ireland for an Olympic themed Rally Day. The grass sledging was a particular favourite with the Beavers.

Duck Race at Minnowburn- As always, our Annual Duck Race was a great success. It took place on Friday 7 June 2024 and the Beavers enjoyed paddling down the river after the ducks. The water was deeper than normal and there were a few Beavers and Leaders with wet feet! Afterwards we had a BBQ at Ardnally which was followed by an AGM for the parents and bouncy castles / bungee runs for the children.

Outdoors Activity Day- Our final event before the summer break was a District Fun Day at Ardnally on Saturday 29 June 2024 to celebrate Outdoors in 24. The theme was The Gruffalo and the Beavers enjoyed crafts, trails and games before a hot dog and ice-cream which was followed by marshmallows toasted over the campfire.

Hallowe'en Event at Ardnally – We attended a Spooktacular Event at Ardnally on Friday 18 October 2024. The Beavers took part in an exciting STEM experiment where they were able to blow up a balloon by creating carbon dioxide. We made magician's wands and played games before the disco and the campfire marshmallows.

Elfnavally - On Monday 2 December 2024 we visited Ardnnavally for a magical Christmas experience. We joined Beavers from across Lagan District for fun, crafts, a movie, toasted marshmallows and hot chocolate at Ardnnavally.

Santa visited the Colony on Monday 16 December 2024. We played pass the parcel and musical chairs before making tree decorations. When Santa arrived Ahmeek read the names from the Naughty and Nice list. Luckily everyone had been nice and Santa promised not to leave anyone a turnip!

Thinking Day Service – 9 Beavers attended the Annual Thinking Day Service in the church on Sunday 18 February 2024. Oisin Hall and Frank Totten read the Beaver Prayer at the start of the service and Henry Morrison, Reuben Cowan and Henry Chambers made up our Colour Party. They all did an amazing job. Well done!

Ardnnavally Walk – The annual Lagan District Ardnnavally Walk took place on Sunday 23 March 2025. We had a small turn out but the weather was good and we had fun on a bug hunt as we tried to spot spiders, worms, bumblebees and butterflies with our magnifying glasses. A fantastic £165 has been raised by Beavers and this, along with the monies raised by the other sections, will be split equally between Ardnnavally and our own Scour Group.

Badges

During the year we awarded 13 Stage 1 Hike Badges; 20 Parliament Badges; 16 Health and Fitness Activity Badges and 9 Safety Activity Badges.

Thank You

We are grateful to all our leaders and helpers for making Beavers possible and for their continued dedicated service to the Colony on Monday nights. Thank you to the parents for their support and to the Church for the use of the halls.



Liz Dudgeon (Akelia)

Cubs meet in the Church halls every Monday evening from March through to May with approx 26 Cubs in attendance. In March we attended the Ardnally walk and the monies raised went to the Air Ambulance. In May-June we met in Ardnally where we were able to do fire lighting, cricket, rounders, hunt and practice pitching tents.

In June we attended Belfast Country Camp where all sections camped, weather was mixed but it did not dampen spirits and the cubs enjoyed meeting old and new friends from different units. On Saturday the Cubs did activities run by activity group and different bases organised by leaders.

We said good bye to our P7 and in October we invested our new Cubs. At Halloween we carved pumpkins and interesting faces were made.

At the end of November we made Christmas decorations in preparation for our evening with the PW of the church. The Cubs and the PTA choir of St Michaels' sang Christmas carols and some cubs played their musical instruments.

We also went to Ardnally for "Christmas at Ardnally" where we went on the elf trail, had smores and played Christmas games.

In January we got more new Cubs and all the Cubs refreshed themselves on the Cub laws by playing games and encouraging team building by having a night of board games where some of the Cubs showed how well they can play chess.

In February the Cubs took part in the annual Founder days Church service where some of the cubs did a reading and carried the Cub Flag.

The Cubs took part in the district uni hoc completion and became the overall winners of the night. We also went on a visit to Stormont buildings in March which was postponed because of the storm and sat in the debating chamber and the cubs carried out a debate about school homework.

A few Cubs went to W5 where they completed the science badge and then got going round W5. Throughout the year we have completed the First Aid badge, navigator badges and science badge.

SCOUTS

Jonathan Dudgeon

The Scout Section have been quite evenly split between Ardnally and the Church Halls, with the odd night off for Christmas or Easter, maybe 2 nights off over Summer, with the occasional meeting off site for night walks in the local area. We have made a conscious decision to make as much time up as possible due to missing so much time due to previous Covid restrictions. When walking, we usually encourage the older Scouts to take the lead in navigation. Often our walks have stops for cooking on the Trangia's, a spot of Morse Code or a forage around for wild garlic for Garlic Bread which we can make on a fire back at the Den or Ardnally.

At Ardnally, we run a variety of different types of games and activities, often to fit the conditions on the night as the weather can be so variable. We are fortunate at Ardnally to have mature trees that provide ample cover for most rain showers, so the rain rarely actually interrupts our program.

Whilst the leaders (myself Jonnie Dudgeon, Mike 'Fozzy' Forsyth, Kenny Campbell, Deane Dawson and Connor Beattie) are running the show, we seek the opinion of all Scouts to know what's fun what's not and so on. Fan favourite activities of note include chariot building and racing with pioneering poles, pumpkin carving, pancake making on tin cans with the heat source being an individual candle, fires and axe work. As we are at Ardnally so often we help out in our small way in the upkeep and maintenance of the grounds. We conduct litter picks, where the Scouts are split up and compete against the other team to collect as much litter as they can in the zone we find ourselves in that night. We also help clear paths of branches and debris after storms and the clearing of the grass of all the branches and stones before it is to be cut.

In June of 2024 we camped over at Ardnally for the weekend, along with a few others from the District, for a District Fun Day that was occurring on the Saturday. In September half a dozen Scouts competed in a Scouts NI Axe Throwing competition in a place called Lisburn Wood. Scouts threw axes at a rather big wooden target, not totally dissimilar to an archery target, but much more robust to withstand being hit by flying axes.

We also returned to the church halls just before the Halloween, on a particularly frosty 1st night we made Chocolate brownies within oranges cooked over the fire. In the following weeks we

conducted a litter pick in the church grounds and the surrounding roads –with Rosetta Park being particularly bad.

Our next camp was at Ardnally was in March were we again encountered very mild and dry weather. We organised a night hike down to Minnowburn and the Terrace Gardens. We didn't quite do a test run for the Duck Race, which will have occurred just before this AGM, but a few Scouts did throw poohsticks in the stream, although one or two may have been disqualified as I think their selection may have been considered pooh-branches or pooh-trunks and could well have created a new Beaver Dam at Minnowburn! The next day, after striking camp we walked the District Ardnally Walk.

At the end of March we had the opportunity to part of the opening ceremony for a new obstacle course at Crawfordsburn, which we learned was to be opened by the Chief Scout of the United Kingdom – Dwayne Fields. Dwayne spoke to our Scouts for a considerable time, about their experiences and camps as a Scout. He also awarded the Scouts a Personal Challenge Badge and we in return presented him with an Ulster Badge which was very grateful to receive.

In April the Scouts went a bit of a hike, Wallace Park in Lisburn, along the canal and Lagan to the Big Fish Statue in Belfast. Whilst I'm sure many were quite fit enough to do this in one go, we split this walk over 2 days, doing about 3 hours on a Saturday afternoon and camping overnight at Ardnally, and then the next day walking for about 2 hours into Belfast. Due to low water levels, the Scouts noticed some very interesting objects along the way, including a Ford Cortina lost to time just before the river and canal split at the old Hilden Mill and at least 25 footballs and tennis balls (I personally stopped counting after the 25th and sources differ if it was 36 or 40 for the final tally).

Our camps were held jointly with the other Scout Troop I am in charge of the 115th Belfast, this gives the Scouts the opportunity to see some fresh faces and hear fresh voices and perspectives – it also means I only have to run half as many camps!

All the work that goes into our programming is guided by the requirements of the Chief Scout's Gold Award. I use this as a sort of a curriculum, as it often reminds me that we've done too much Scout'ie activities like fire building, axe work and backwards cooking and not enough items for the required Creative Challenge Award!

I would like to thank my current leadership team (Fozzy, Kenny, Deane and Connor) and to those leaders who have come before us, who set a really high standard of Scouting that we not only to maintain but try and exceed on occasion, but more importantly the Scouts themselves who are receptive to our message, week in week out at Ardnally and the Church Halls.

EXPLORERS

Stephen Mallett & Scott Guiler

It has been another busy year at 62nd Explorers, where we witnessed a consistent membership of 10-14 Explorers attending on a weekly basis. Meeting on a weekly basis, we have been able to base ourselves at the Scout Den, while using Ardnally and other areas on the odd occasion for practical skills or to accommodate other hall bookings.

Programme: With varied programmes from cooking challenges to trips to the Mourne Mountains, practical skills to community initiatives, the Explorers ensured that all programmes offered were always competitive and enjoyable. Throughout the year, we were able to visit Ardnally Scout Centre, Belfast Activity Centre, Lisburn Swimming Slides, Crawfordsburn Scout Centre and more.

Top Awards: We were pleased to be able to offer 18 places to Duke of Edinburgh, with expeditions occurring in Easter 2024 and during the summer of 2024. As we come to the end of the Scouting year, preparation is in full swing for the end of term expedition for the 10 completing the Silver DofE award. All Explorers have been working to finalise their route plans for their summer expedition, based in the Mourne Mountains.

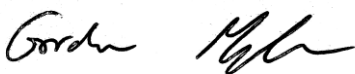
As part of one of the Top Awards in Scouting, we have been promoting the Young Leaders Award to get Explorers actively involved in developing their leadership skills and giving back to our junior sections. Currently at 62nd Belfast, there are 7 Young Leaders involved across our sections. Thank you to the Section teams for facilitating this and supporting our Young Leaders develop as they move forward. We were pleased to present one Young Leaders' Belt within this Scouting year.

International Opportunities: This year, we see three of our members partake in the Habitat for Humanity experience, led by Scouts NI and Habitat for Humanity Ireland. Steven George, James Farry and Stephen Mallett will be heading out to Cambodia in August 2025 for 10 days to assist with their building, educational and outreach programmes. As part of their experiences, the Explorers have assisted with the fundraising process through hosting a big breakfast in March 2025, where the Group raised £1,000.

Thank you! We continue to thank Stephen Mallett, Scott Guiler, Norman McKee and Fynn Bailie for providing a weekly programme for the Explorers and supporting events and activities over the last year.

62nd Belfast: Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved this report which has been signed by the Chair of the Trustee Board and Group Lead Volunteer on their behalf at the Annual General Meeting in June 2025.



Gordon Myles
Trustee Board Chair



Scott Robinson
Group Lead Volunteer

06/06/2025

Date

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