

Trustee Annual Report

Name of Charity	1 st Whitehead Scout Group
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Charity Registration Number	104012
Year Start Date	02/01/2023
Year End Date	01/01/2024

The Purpose of your Charity	<p>The purpose of our Scout Group is to empower young people to contribute positively to society locally, Nationally and internationally, by engaging them in personal development across physical, intellectual, social, and spiritual aspects.</p> <p>The benefits of Scouting within our community are clear. We provide young people with the skills and confidence to be active citizens, embrace change, and reflect the diversity of the communities we serve. This impact is demonstrated through direct feedback from our members and the wider community.</p> <p>Scouting operates within a robust safety framework, ensuring young people can participate in a structured curriculum which includes participating in adventurous activities Safely. Our adult volunteers are provided training to ensure essential delivery of a safe and effective programme.</p>
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The principal address of the Charity	6A Beach Road Whitehead BT38 9QS
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The names of all Charity Trustees	<p>Mr N Sharpe Mr D McClean Mrs A McClean Mrs J Moody Mr R Beattie</p>
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The financial year the report relates to	02/01/2023- 01/01/2024
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A summary of the Charity's main activities and achievements in the year	<p>2023 has been a dynamic and rewarding year for 1st Whitehead Scout Group. We continue to provide enriching and developmental opportunities for young people through our five sections: Squirrels (4–6 years), Beavers (6–8 years), Cubs (8–10.5 years), Scouts (10.5–14 years), and Explorers (14–18 years). Our youngest sections remain at full capacity, with waiting lists in place—demonstrating the strong demand for Scouting in our community.</p> <p>The dedication and commitment of our volunteers, alongside the invaluable support of parents, have enabled us to deliver a varied, challenging, and engaging programme, with numerous badges awarded across all sections throughout the year.</p> <p>Squirrels and Beavers had the exciting opportunity to visit W5 in Belfast, where they explored interactive exhibits and engaged in hands-on learning experiences. One of the standout events of the year was our Group Camp at Slievenaman Schoolhouse in the Mourne Mountains, bringing together members from all sections to experience the adventure of camping under canvas. It was an unforgettable experience for all, with valuable skills learned and cherished memories created.</p> <p>Scouts remained highly active, undertaking two additional camps, further building their resilience, teamwork, and leadership abilities.</p> <p>To strengthen our supportive parent-leader partnership, we hosted our annual prize evening and BBQ, celebrating the achievements of our young members and reinforcing the strong community spirit within the group.</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 Trustees of 1st Whitehead Scout Group have reviewed the Charity Commission Northern Ireland's statutory guidance on Public Benefit and are satisfied that the group's activities continue to meet these requirements. Our programmes are designed to provide young people with meaningful developmental opportunities, fostering skills, confidence, and citizenship in line with Scouting values. We remain committed to ensuring that all activities serve the public benefit and uphold the principles outlined by the Commission.</p>
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<p>A review of the Charity's financial position at the end of the year</p>	<p>At the close of the financial year, 1st Whitehead Scout Group remains in a stable financial position, ensuring the continued delivery of high-quality Scouting programmes. Income has been generated through membership fees, fundraising activities, and external funding sources, allowing us to support core operational costs and invest in development projects. Expenditure has been carefully managed, covering essential running costs, programme resources, and improvements to our facilities. The Trustees have reviewed the financial position and are satisfied that the charity remains financially viable, with adequate reserves to support future activities in line with its charitable objectives. The financial statement was reviewed and approved in the Trustees minutes of meeting.</p>
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<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>At the end of the financial year, 1st Whitehead Scout Group remains in a stable financial position, with no funds in material deficit. The Trustees have reviewed the charity's finances and are satisfied that income and expenditure have been effectively managed to support ongoing activities. Adequate reserves are maintained to ensure sustainability and the continued delivery of Scouting programmes in alignment with our charitable objectives.</p>
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One or more of the
Charity Trustees must
sign and date this box.

D. McLean 25/05/2025.