

68th Belfast Scout Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104047

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-11-17

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, Education/training, Sport/recreation, Volunteer development, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£2,469	£5,226	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Gavan Duffy		
Mr Liam Duffy		
Mr Michael Dodds		
Mrs Kerrie Mcsparran		

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Accounts

68th Belfast Scout Group

2024 / 2025

2023 / 2024

Receipts

Donations, legacies and similar income

Membership subscriptions	£ 1 387 . 00	£ 890 . 00
Youth programme and activities	£ 270 . 00	£ 0 . 00
Uniform	£ 112 . 00	£ 158 . 00
Sub total	£ 1 769 . 00	£ 1 048 . 00

Grants

Fountainville Trust	£ 700 . 00	£ 700 . 00
Sub total	£ 700 . 00	£ 700 . 00

Investment income

Danske Bank	£ 0 . 00	£ 115 . 78
Sub total	£ 0 . 00	£ 115 . 78

Total Receipts	£ 2 469 . 00	£ 1 863 . 78
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2024 / 2025

2023 / 2024

Payments

Charitable Payments

Membership Subscriptions	£ 1 465 . 00	£ 0 . 00
Youth programme and activities	£ 380 . 74	£ 203 . 22
Contribution to St John's Church	£ 2 500 . 00	£ 0 . 00
Insurance	£ 142 . 69	£ 137 . 52
Repairs and Renewals	£ 2 . 00	£ 17 . 00
Materials and equipment	£ 225 . 32	£ 20 . 00
Printing and photocopying	£ 29 . 60	£ 0 . 00
Uniforms	£ 101 . 00	£ 756 . 04
AGM and trustee expenses	£ 2 . 00	£ 0 . 00
Donation to other Charities	£ 50 . 00	£ 0 . 00
Equipment Storage	£ 327 . 45	£ 240 . 00
Misc	£ 0 . 00	£ 139 . 28
Total Payments	£ 5 225 . 80	£ 1 513 . 06

Net of receipts/(payments)	£ -2 756 . 80	£ 350 . 72
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Cash funds last year end	£ 6 825 . 10	£ 6 474 . 38
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Cash funds this year end	£ 4 068 . 30	£ 6 825 . 10
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2024 / 2025

2023 / 2024

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

Cash funds

Barclays Bank	£ 4 058 . 30	£ 6 755 . 10
Cash/Floats	£ 10 . 00	£ 70 . 00
Total cash funds	£ 4 068 . 30	£ 6 825 . 10

Non monetary assets for charity's own use

Badge stock	£ 100 . 00	£ 15 . 00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	£ 9 000 . 00	£ 9 000 . 00
Total	£ 9 100 . 00	£ 9 015 . 00

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Accounts

2023 / 2024

2022 / 2023

Receipts

Donations, legacies and similar income

Membership subscriptions	£ 890 . 00	£ 0 . 00
Uniform	£ 158 . 00	£ 221 . 00
Sub total	£ 1 048 . 00	£ 221 . 00

Grants

Fountainville Trust	£ 700 . 00	£ 0 . 00
Sub total	£ 700 . 00	£ 0 . 00

Investment income

Danske Bank	£ 115 . 78	£ 0 . 00
Barclays Bank	£ 0 . 00	£ 0 . 00
Sub total	£ 115 . 78	£ 0 . 00

Total Receipts	£ 1 863 . 78	£ 221 . 00
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Payments

Charitable Payments

Membership Subscriptions	£ 0 . 00	£ 904 . 50
Youth programme and activities	£ 203 . 22	£ 165 . 15
Insurance	£ 137 . 52	£ 120 . 80
Repairs and Renewals	£ 17 . 00	£ 0 . 00
Materials and equipment	£ 20 . 00	£ 0 . 00
Uniforms	£ 756 . 04	£ 594 . 50
Email and communication	£ 0 . 00	£ 179 . 94
Equipment Storage	£ 240 . 00	£ 720 . 00
Misc	£ 139 . 28	£ 304 . 70
Sub total	£ 1 513 . 06	£ 2 989 . 59

Total Payments	£ 1 513 . 06	£ 2 989 . 59
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Net of receipts/(payments)	£ 350 . 72	£ - 2 768 . 59
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Cash funds last year end	£ 6 474 . 38	£ 9 242 . 97
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Cash funds this year end	£ 6 825 . 10	£ 6 474 . 38
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Statement of Assets & Liabilities

Cash funds

Danske Bank	£ 0 . 00	£ 1 372 . 94
Barclays Bank	£ 6 755 . 10	£ 5 101 . 44
Cash/Floats	£ 70 . 00	£ 0 . 00
Total cash funds	£ 6 825 . 10	£ 6 474 . 38

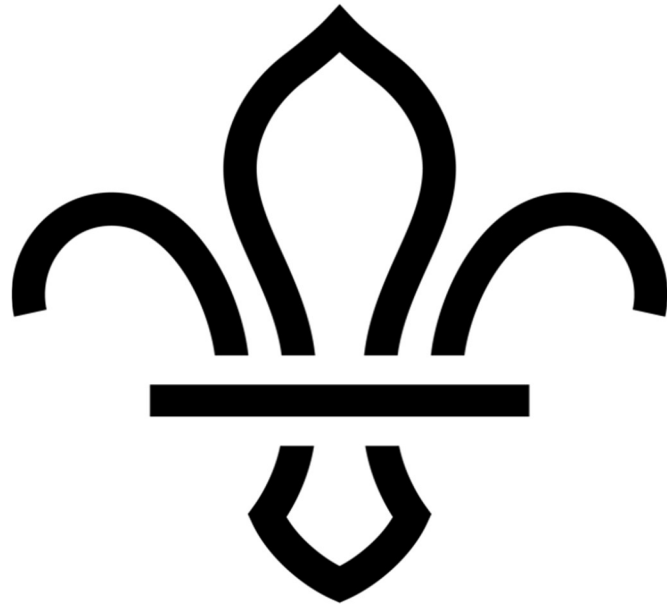
Non monetary assets for charity's own use

Badge stock	£ 15 . 00	£ 50 . 00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	£ 9 000 . 00	£ 9 000 . 00
Total	£ 9 015 . 00	£ 9 050 . 00

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ANNUAL REPORT
2024

FOR THE PERIOD

1ST APRIL 2023 TO 31ST MARCH 2024

GROUP TRUSTEE BOARD

GROUP CHAIRMAN	WILL MC MULLAN
GROUP SECRETARY	LIAM DUFFY
GROUP SCOUT LEADER	FRANK DUFFY
BOARD MEMBER	SUSAN THOMPSON
BOARD MEMBER	PETER RYAN
BOARD MEMBER	GAVAN DUFFY

GOVERNANCE

- THE GROUP'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS ARE THOSE OF 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.
- THE GROUP IS A TRUST ESTABLISHED UNDER ITS RULES WHICH ARE COMMON TO ALL SCOUTS.
- THE TRUSTEES ARE APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY, ORGANISATION AND RULES OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION.
- 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.
- THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF 3 INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVES, CHAIR, TREASURER AND SECRETARY TOGETHER WITH THE GROUP SCOUT LEADER, INDIVIDUAL SECTION LEADERS (IF OPTED TO TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY) AND PARENT'S REPRESENTATION AND MEETS EVERY # 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 APPOINTMENT 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

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 POLICY TO ENSURE THAT INSURABLE RISKS ARE COVERED.

INVESTMENT POLICY

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

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 12 MONTHS RUNNING COSTS, CIRCA £3000.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

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.

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.

THE GROUP CONTINUES TO GROW, AND THIS YEAR MARKED ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE RETURN FROM COVID WITH THE SEPARATION OF THE BEAVER COLONY AND CUB PACK TO MEET AS TWO SEPARATE SECTIONS. WE ALSO SAW AN INCREASE IN THE ADULT VOLUNTEERS WHICH MADE THIS MOVE POSSIBLE. THE GROUP HAS BEEN SUPPORTED BY ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH AND SOME OF OUR LEADERS TOOK PART IN THE ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE ALONGSIDE THE GUIDES.

BEAVERS

THE BEAVER COLONY HAS BEEN WORKING AWAY WITH LOTS OF GAMES STORIES AND ACTIVITIES. IN THE LATTER PART OF THE REPORTING YEAR THE BEAVERS REALLY GOT STUCK IN AS THEY WERE IN THEIR OWN HALL. THE COLONY WAS ALSO SUPPORTED BY A YOUNG LEADER, ALEXANDRA WHO WAS A GREAT ADDITION TO THE TEAM.

CHALLENGE BADGES	2
ACTIVITY INCLUDING STAGED BADGES	10

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THE CUB SCOUT PACK WENT FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH WITH A LARGE MOVE UP FROM BEAVERS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SIXES. WE ALSO APPOINTED A SIXER TO LEAD EACH OF THE SIXES. WITH A NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM, THE PACK HAS BEEN WORKING AWAY CONCENTRATING ON CHALLENGE BADGES AND WITH AN ENTHUSIASTIC PACK IT HAS NOT BEEN THAT HARD. THE PACK ALSO HAD A YOUNG LEADER, REBECCA WHO WAS AN EXCELLENT MEMBER OF THE TEAM.

CHALLENGE BADGES	10
ACTIVITY INCLUDING STAGED BADGES	20

WOODBADGE AWARDED
(ADULT TRAINING)



FRANK DUFFY – GROUP SCOUT LEADER

THE ABOVE REPORT, RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES WERE APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF BY

Handwritten signature of Frank Duffy.

GROUP SCOUT LEADER

Handwritten signature of William McNamee.

GROUP CHAIRMAN

68th Belfast Scout Group

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 68th Belfast Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the 68th Belfast for the year ended 31st March 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act, and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2008 have not been met or,
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Name: Simon Brown

Address: 39 Linen Road, Bangor. BT 19 7JJ

Date: 11 November 2024

68th Belfast Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104047

Accounts

2022 / 2023

2021 / 2022

Receipts

Donations, legacies and similar income

Membership subscriptions	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Uniform	£ 221.00	£ 0.00
Sub total	£ 221.00	£ 0.00

Grants

Fountainville Trust	£ 0.00	£ 1500.00
Sub total	£ 0.00	£ 1500.00

Total Receipts	£ 221.00	£ 1500.00
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Payments

Charitable Payments

Membership Subscriptions	£ 904.50	£ 0.00
Youth programme and activities	£ 165.15	£ 92.00
Equipment purchase	£ 0.00	£ 492.18
Equipment Insurance	£ 120.80	£ 0.00
Uniforms and badges	£ 594.50	£ 0.00
Bank Fees	£ 0.00	£ 42.00
Email and communication	£ 179.94	£ 0.00
Maintenance	£ 0.00	£ 154.59
Equipment Storage	£ 720.00	£ 720.00
Misc	£ 304.70	£ 0.00
Total Payments	£ 2989.59	£ 1500.77

Net of receipts/(payments)	£ -2768.59	£ -0.77
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Cash funds last year end	£ 9242.97	£ 9243.74
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Cash funds this year end	£ 6474.38	£ 9242.97
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Statement of Assets & Liabilities

Cash funds

Danske Bank	£ 1372.94	£ 1372.94
Barclays Bank	£ 5101.44	£ 7870.03
Cash/Floats	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Total cash funds	£ 6474.38	£ 9242.97

Non monetary assets for charity's own use

Badge stock	£ 50.00	£ 50.00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	£ 9000.00	£ 9000.00
Total	£ 9050.00	£ 9050.00

The above report and receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by



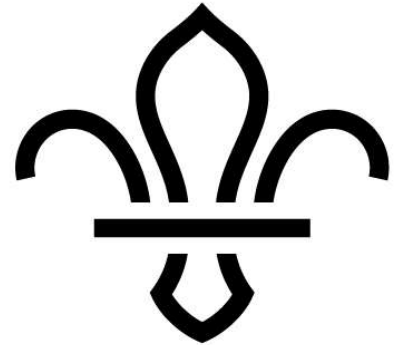
Frank Duffy
Group Scout Leader

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Scouts



**68th Belfast
(St. John's Malone)**

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

For the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

NI Charity Number: 104047

Governance of 68th Belfast Scout Group

- 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.
- The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
- The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
- 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.

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.

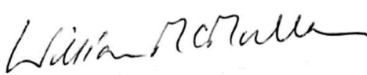

Group Executive Committee / Charity Trustees

Group Chairman	Will McMullan
Group Secretary	Liam Duffy
Group Treasurer	
Committee Member	Susan Thompson
Committee Member	Peter Ryan
Group Scout Leader	Frank Duffy

The Group was finally able to open the doors again to young people in September 2022 and slowly over the next few months we had a Beaver Scout Colony and a Cub Scout Pack. The most notable event being the investiture of all our new members in December. The Group is looking forward to building on this over the course of the next year.

The Group is grateful to the continued support of the Parish of St John's Malone, the Select Vestry of the Parish and the Rector to the success of 68th Belfast Scout Group

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Signatures		
Full names	William McMullan	Frank Duffy
Position	Group Chairman	Group Scout Leader

68th Belfast Scout Group

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of 68th Belfast Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the 68th Belfast Scout Group (NI 104047) for the year ended 31 March 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.

Name:  *Ian Stewart*

Date: 12-Jan-2024