

Trustees' Annual Report

1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024

2nd Newtownards Scout Group Movilla Abbey

Registered Charity Number: - 104055

Trustees' Names

Mr Chris Ross	- Chairman
Mrs Susan Creighton	- Secretary
Mrs Danielle Morrow	- GSL
Mr Jason Morrow	- Scout Leader
Mr Terry Garland	- Assistant Scout Leader

Structure, Governance and management

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 Rule 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 the 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 Leaders, individual section leaders and parent's representation and meets every 4 months.

The Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:-

The raising of funds and administration of Group Finance

The insurance of person's property and equipment

Group public occasions

Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and adult support

Appointment of any sub committees that may be required

Appointment of group administrators and advisors other than those who are elected

The Purpose of the Charity

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

As scouts we are guided by these values:-

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal

Respect - We have self-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

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Outdoor activities, including camps, character building games, visits to local places of interest. Indoor activities including learning about other countries, making things and indoor games. Badge work etc

Public Benefit Statement

The group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings

Achievements and performance

Group Reports 2023 / 2024

Scout Report 2023/2024

Scouts are for ages 10½ to 14. A step up from Cubs,

We have a regular attendance of 22 – 29 children made up of boys and girls

Scouts have a wide variety of activity badges to earn. These take a lot more effort and commitment to achieve. Scouts like to get outdoors as much as possible and always look forward to camps. The Chief Scout Gold Award is highest Award a Scout can achieve.

Jason Morrow - Scout Leader

Cub Scout's Report 2023/2024

Cub Scouts are for ages 8 to 10. Their programme includes games, crafts, badge work and outdoor activities.

We have 27 children made up of boys and girls

They take part in District events and outdoor visits – local fire station, scout centre etc.

The Chief Scout Silver Award is highest Award a Cub which can achieve before they move on to Scouts

Cub Leader - J. Gibson

Beavers Report 2023/2024

Beaver Scouts are for ages 6 to 8. Their programme includes games, crafts and badge work.

At present we have 20 children made up of boys and girls

Days away at various children's venues, open ark farm, and scout centre etc.

The Chief Scout's Bronze Award is the highest Award they can achieve.

Beaver Leader – Nicola

Squirrel's Report 2023/2024

Squirrel scouts are for ages 4 – 6.

Their programme includes team games, crafts & badge work.

At present we have 18 children a mixture of boys and girls

As now part of the scout association it gives the children more scope to join in events with the other sections in our scout group.

Squirrel Leader - Paula

Financial Review

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.

Our total income which has already been outlined in our accounts including our carry over from 2023-2024 was £ 24,861.24 - expenditure was £ 12,851.02

Leaving the group with a surplus of: - £ 12,010.22

Carried into the financial year **2024 - 2025**

Investment Policy

The group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The group therefore adopted a risk adverse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash only using only mainstream banks

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Full Name: - Danielle Morrow – Group Scout Leader

Full Name: - Tom Atcheson Treasurer

Date: -