

26th Scout Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104057

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-10-13

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, Youth 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	£25,526	£5,376	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr John Moore		
Mr Paul Moore		
Mrs Barbara Carson		
Mrs Justine Mahood		

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Belfast City Council	-	-	-	-	6,450
Education Authority	1,250	-	-	1,250	2,683
Subs and Donations	3,242	-	-	3,242	3,977
Bank Interest	1,509	-	-	1,509	985
Bank Balance	19,525	-	-	19,525	18,428
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	25,526	-	-	25,526	32,523
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25,526	-	-	25,526	32,523
A3 Payments					
Gas & Electric	1,245	-	-	1,245	2,243
Water	235	-	-	235	315
Insurance	720	-	-	720	675
Building Repairs	-	-	-	-	497
Scout Capitation Fees	-	-	-	-	1,120
Building Maintenance	350	-	-	350	483
Training	468	-	-	468	-
Sundries	2,358	-	-	2,358	5,191
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	5,376	-	-	5,376	10,524
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,376	-	-	5,376	10,524
Net of receipts/(payments)	20,150	-	-	20,150	21,999
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	21,999	-	-	21,999	-
Cash funds this year end	42,149	-	-	42,149	21,999

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		42,149	-	-	42,149	21,999
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	42,149	-	-	42,149	21,999
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

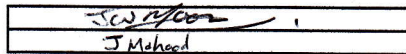
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Bank	35,000	-	-	35,000	35,000
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	35,000	-	-	35,000	35,000

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature


Print Name
 John Moore
 Justine Mahood

Date of approval
 28/11/2025
 28/11/2025

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Accounts

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Belfast City Council	6,450	-	-	6,450	4,940
Education Authority	2,683	-	-	2,683	1,800
Subs and Donations	3,977	-	-	3,977	4,260
Bank Interest	985	-	-	985	95
Bank Balance	18,428	-	-	18,428	16,046
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	32,523	-	-	32,523	27,141
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	32,523	-	-	32,523	27,141
A3 Payments					
315	2,243	-	-	2,243	3,536
Water	315	-	-	315	347
Insurance	675	-	-	675	606
Building Repairs	497	-	-	497	343
Scout Capitation Fees	1,120	-	-	1,120	1,001
Building Maintenance	483	-	-	483	894
Training	-	-	-	-	-
Sundries	5,191	-	-	5,191	4,747
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	10,524	-	-	10,524	11,474
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	10,524	-	-	10,524	11,474
Net of receipts/(payments)	21,999	-	-	21,999	15,667
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,667	-	-	15,667	-
Cash funds this year end	37,666	-	-	37,666	15,667

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		37,666	-	-	37,666	15,667
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	37,666	-	-	37,666	15,667
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

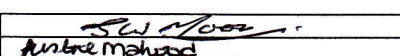
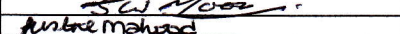
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Bank	35,000	-	-	35,000	35,000
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
				Total	35,000	35,000

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
		Total		-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	John Moore	11/11/2024
	Justine Mahood	11/11/2024

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

26th Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1 0 4 0 5 7

HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

76A Cregagh Road

Belfast

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	John Moore		
2	Paul Moore		
3	Justine Mahood		
4	Barbara Carson		
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
N/A		

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

<p>Type of governing document</p> <p>(e.g. trust deed, constitution)</p>	<p>The 26th Scout Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. The documents 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.</p>
<p>How the charity is constituted</p> <p>(e.g. trust, association, company)</p>	<p>The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.</p>
<p>Trustee selection methods</p> <p>(e.g. appointed by, elected by)</p>	<p>The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.</p>
<p>Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)</p>	
<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Policies and procedures adopted for:</p> <p>a) the induction and training of trustees;</p> <p>b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them</p>	<p>The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every 3 months.</p> <p>Members of the Executive Committee complete '<i>Essential Information for Executive Committee</i>' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.</p> <p>This Group Executive Committee supports the Group Scout Leader and is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maintenance of Group property; The raising of funds and the administration of 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.

<p>Section B</p>	<p>Structure, governance and management (continued)</p>
	<p>Risk and Internal Control</p> <p>The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern are:</p> <p>Damage to the building, property and equipment. The</p>

Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members.
The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would need to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. As above, the complete closure of the Group would be a worst case scenario.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development. This aims to empower them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>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.</p>

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

The Charity provides a range of activities which embrace the Values of Scouting and promote physical, social and intellectual skills. These include: physical activities which earn badges and awards; team games which develop co-operation and respect; craft work which enhances thinking and planning skills; trips which promote knowledge of science and the natural world (e.g. zoological gardens, planetarium); camping trips.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

N/A

Public benefit statement

The 26th Scout Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Charity has continued to promote the physical, intellectual, social and spiritual development of children and young people. Their involvement with the Charity has helped to develop a range of core values within these young people, which will empower them to make a positive contribution to community and society. These values include honesty, loyalty, tolerance, respect, care, empathy and co-operation. Nurturing these values prepares the young people to become active citizens and enables them to embrace and contribute to social change as they enter adulthood.

Section E	Financial Review
<p>Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves</p> <p>Quantify and explain any designations</p>	<p>Reserves Policy</p> <p>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 36 months running costs, circa £30,000.</p>
<p>Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Further financial review details (optional information)</p> <p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); • how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; • investment policy and objectives 	<p>The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.</p>

Section F	Other Optional Information
<p>Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)</p>	

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) John Moore

Full name(s)

John	Moore
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Group Scout Leader	
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Date

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26th Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104057

Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of the 26th Belfast Scout Group

I enclose my report on the accounts of the 26th Belfast Scout Group charity, as referenced in the Trustees Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2024.

Preparation of the accounts is the responsibility of the Trustees of the charity. This is in accordance with the Charities Act (NI) 2008.

My responsibility as Independent Examiner for the 26th Belfast Scout Group is to:

- ❖ Identify and state whether any significant matters came to my attention.
- ❖ Follow the guidance and procedures outlined in the general Directions by the Commission under Section 65 (9; b) of the Charities Act.
- ❖ Examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act.

Independent Examiner's Report

My examination of the charity's accounts is required under Section 65 of the Charities Act, and this is in accordance with the general Directions as stated above.

The current examination involved a review of the accounting records maintained by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

The examination also considered any unusual items or disclosures within the accounts and sought explanations from Trustees concerning such matters. The examination aimed to ascertain a true and fair view of the state of the charity's financial affairs.

In my role as Independent Examiner, it is acknowledged that I must state whether any material matters have come to my attention that give me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with 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 further information is needed to achieve a full understanding of the accounts.

Concluding Statement

Having concluded my examination, within the general Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (with particular cognisance regarding Section 65 of the Charities Act), **I have no concerns in respect of the four principles above. There are also no outstanding matters which require drawing to your attention.**



Alex Montgomery
Independent Examiner

Date: 11/11/2024

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Receipts and payments accounts

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Belfast City Council	4,940	-	-	4,940	15,940
Education Authority	1,800	-	-	1,800	2,960
Subs and Donations	4,260	-	-	4,260	996
Bank Interest	95	-	-	95	24
Bank Balance	16,046	-	-	16,046	18,285
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	27,141	-	-	27,141	38,205
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,141	-	-	27,141	38,205
A3 Payments					
Gas and Electricity	3,536	-	-	3,536	732
Water	347	-	-	347	211
Insurance	606	-	-	606	619
Building Repairs	343	-	-	343	2,850
Scout Capitation Fees	1,001	-	-	1,001	771
Building Maintenance	894	-	-	894	961
Training	-	-	-	-	-
Sundries	4,747	-	-	4,747	3,501
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	11,474	-	-	11,474	9,645
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,474	-	-	11,474	9,645
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,667	-	-	15,667	28,560
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	28,560	-	-	28,560	-
Cash funds this year end	44,227	-	-	44,227	28,560

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		44,227	-	-	44,227	28,560
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	44,227	-	-	44,227	28,560
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

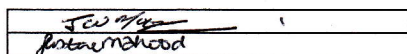

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Bank	35,000	-	-	35,000	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total				35,000	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Total			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	John Moore	29/12/2023
	Justine Mahood	29/12/2023

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Annual report

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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 to end date

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

26th Scout Group																			
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Other names the charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

76A Cregagh Road																			
Belfast																			
Postcode										B	T	6	9	E	Q				

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	John Moore		
2	Paul Moore		
3	Justine Mahood		
4	Barbara Carson		
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
N/A		

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

<p>Type of governing document</p> <p>(e.g. trust deed, constitution)</p>	<p>The 26th Scout Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. The documents 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.</p>
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<p>Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)</p>	
<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Policies and procedures adopted for:</p> <p>a) the induction and training of trustees;</p> <p>b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them</p>	<p>The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every 3 months.</p> <p>Members of the Executive Committee complete '<i>Essential Information for Executive Committee</i>' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.</p> <p>This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

Section B

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The

Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members.

The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would need to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. As above, the complete closure of the Group would be a worst case scenario.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development. This aims to empower them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>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.</p>

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

The Charity provides a range of activities which embrace the Values of Scouting and promote physical, social and intellectual skills. These include: physical activities which earn badges and awards; team games which develop co-operation and respect; craft work which enhances thinking and planning skills; trips which promote knowledge of science and the natural world (e.g. zoological gardens, planetarium); camping trips.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

N/A

Public benefit statement

The 26th Scout Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Charity has continued to promote the physical, intellectual, social and spiritual development of children and young people. Their involvement with the Charity has helped to develop a range of core values within these young people, which will empower them to make a positive contribution to community and society. These values include honesty, loyalty, tolerance, respect, care, empathy and co-operation. Nurturing these values prepares the young people to become active citizens and enables them to embrace and contribute to social change as they enter adulthood.

Section E	Financial Review
<p>Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves</p> <p>Quantify and explain any designations</p>	<p>Reserves Policy</p> <p>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 36 months running costs, circa £30,000.</p>
<p>Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Further financial review details (optional information)</p>	
<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); • how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; • investment policy and objectives 	<p>The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.</p>

Section F	Other Optional Information
<p>Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)</p>	

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) John Moore

Full name(s)

John	Moore
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Group Scout Leader	
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Date

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26th Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104057

Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of the 26th Belfast Scout Group

The following is my report on the accounts of the charity, as set out in the Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2023.

The Trustees of this charity are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. These are in accordance with the Charities Act (NI) 2008.

As Independent Examiner for the 26th Belfast Scout Group, it is my responsibility to:

- Identify and state whether any significant matters came to my attention.
- Follow the guidance and procedures outlined in the general Directions by the Commission under Section 65 (9; b) of the Charities Act.
- Examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act.

Independent Examiner's Report

I have undertaken an examination of the charity's accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and in accordance with the general Directions as stated above. This examination included a review of the accounting records maintained by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

It also considered any unusual items or disclosures within the accounts and sought explanations from Trustees concerning such matters. The examination aimed to ascertain a true and fair view of the state of the charity's financial affairs.

In my role as Independent Examiner, it is acknowledged that I must state whether any material matters have come to my attention that give me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with 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 further information is needed to achieve a full understanding of the accounts.

Concluding Statement of the Independent Examiner

Having concluded my examination, within the general Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (with particular cognisance regarding Section 65 of the Charities Act), I have no concerns in respect of the four points outlined above. There are also no outstanding matters which require drawing to your attention.



Alex Montgomery
Independent Examiner

Date: 31/12/2023