

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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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

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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

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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
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Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

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.

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

Policies and procedures adopted for:
a) the induction and training of trustees;
b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

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 Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every 3 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 supports the Group Scout Leader and is responsible for:

- 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.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
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Risk and Internal Control

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major

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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 contributes to the Scout Association's 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	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.

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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.

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>

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

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Section G	Declaration
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	John	Moore
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Group Scout Leader	
Date	26/11/25	