

**Trustee Annual Report
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Name of Charity	<i>Derryloran Scout Group</i>
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Charity Registration Number	<i>104063</i>
Year Start Date	<i>01/04/2022</i>
Year End Date	<i>31/03/2023</i>

The Purpose of your Charity	<i>Derryloran Scout Group is governed by the Royal Charter and Bye-laws. 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.</i>
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The principal address of the Charity	<i>19 Burnbank Cookstown County Tyrone BT80 8DX</i>
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The names of all Charity Trustees	<i>Mr William Henry Colin Scott Joy Greer Mrs Joanne Boyd Mrs Denise Barrett Mrs Karen Anderson Mrs Jean Major</i>
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The financial year the report relates to	<i>Year start 01/04/2022..... Year end 31/03/2023.....</i>
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A summary of the Charity's main activities and achievements in the year	<i>These are the main activities undertaken by this Charity to further its charitable purposes for the public benefit of its beneficiaries. All Sections of the Group have remained active: Squirrels (4-5), Beavers (6-8), Cubs (8-10), Scouts (10-14). Section meetings take place weekly during term-time, following a structured programme of age-</i>
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related games and activities, to engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Group has had a busy year.

Derryloran Squirrels report April 2022 to March 2023

Derryloran Squirrels had a nature walk where we had to find various materials that were certain colours that we find outdoors and easter egg hunt at Drum Manor which helped our children work towards our All around us badge and our go wild badge.

We played some relay games and learned the rules to games where we had to work together in teams to work towards the same goal. We participated in games such as hula hoop and football relays, balancing bean bags on our heads, hoopla's, bowling and racing games. This helped our squirrels become more active and also work together which helped us achieve in 2 badges which were our be active and all together badges.

We took part in 2 visits to our local park and to Drum Manor. At the park we got to have a fun evening playing together and getting active by playing on the various climbing frames that the park had provided. The children really enjoyed this and it encouraged the children in playing together more. This helped link to our be active badge and our all about me badge as it encouraged the children to play on new play

equipment and learn how to use it correctly. We also had a night in drum manor where we took part in a nature walk, fed the ducks and had a play in the park. This night in drum manor was linked to our all around us badge and our go wild badges.

During September we held a taster night, where we encouraged the current squirrels to bring a friend to squirrels. We had various arts and crafts held that night, decorated biscuits and also played together in small groups to take part in games together. This night helped us achieve goals in our superchef, get creative, all together and be active. This month we also started work on our all about me badge where we set the squirrels a challenge of learning the squirrels promise and being able to say at the beginning of each session every week.

In October our squirrels got to go on a trip to Ardnavey where we got to take part in a superhero day and got to see fire engines, ambulances and got to participate in an army obstacle course and build a den using tree branches and a blanket. We also got to sit together and toast marshmallows and also play an indoor game where we sat together and discussed what we like and dislike about squirrels. This trip helped us achieve aims in our brilliant builder, all around us, all about me, feel good, be active and local superhero badges.

We also had a space themed night where we learnt about the different planets in space and we played a game linked to this and finished off the night by creating various moons using Oreo biscuits. This helped us achieve aims in our superchef badge.

We also took part in a show and tell night which helped us work towards our all about me badge. Each squirrel brought an item from home that they like and each squirrel stood up and talked about what their item was and what they like about it. We also played parachute games this night and we created a promise plate to help us learn our promise a bit better by having it at home to learn from.

We also held a Halloween themed night where our squirrels got to dress up and take part in fun games together where they had to help build a witch together and then we finished off our night by toasting marshmallows and making smores which went towards our superchef and all about adventure badge.

We also took part in a cookery night where we made ourselves pizza bagels and we tried new foods in the form of different fruits and cereals which helped us finish off our superchef badge.

Also, this month our harvest service took place in Derryloran church where our squirrels were encouraged to donate tinned food which was to go towards the women's refuge. By doing this it

helped us work towards our all around us badge.

In November we had a special visit from our local police team where they talked to us about what they do to help our community and they allowed our squirrels to ask questions and we also got to try on some of their equipment and got to see inside a police car and van. This helped our squirrels finish off our local superhero badge.

We had a builder theme night as well where our squirrels worked together in teams to build bridges out of card, paper and plastic cups to see who could make the strongest bridge to hold lego blocks. We also worked together in teams again to build forts to hold ourselves in which was a lot of fun. We then had a worksheet to do and colour in whilst in our forts which was a helpful hand worksheet and it encouraged us to think of 5 ways that we could help out at home. This helped go towards part of our all about me badge.

We had a story time theme night at squirrels to help us gain our story time badge. Each squirrel brought in their favourite book from home and talk about what it was about and why they like it. A story was read to the squirrels which was all about ice cream which the squirrels really enjoyed. We discussed a lot after this book about what our favourite ice cream flavours are.

We had a science night in squirrels this month which helped us gain our exciting experiments

badge. We started off the night by creating a colourful spinner which we made using wool, circled card and felt tip pens. When we made this, we were able to see how the colour we used and patterns we made can mix together when in a spinning formation. We then got into small groups and created small mini volcanoes using baking soda, food colouring and vinegar. We hid the colours under the baking soda and the squirrels took it in turns to add the vinegar and we had to guess what colours were going to appear. During this experiment we discussed what happened during the experiment, what smells were caused, what colours we seen and what happened such as bubbles forming and fizzing noises, etc.

We also held a Christmas party night

We did some work on our brilliant builder badge where each team of squirrels were working together to build string houses and each team took time to discuss what designs they made their houses. We also started work on our feel-good badge as we learnt about different feelings and about how different things make us feel happy, sad, angry, scared, excited, etc. We played a game where we learned how different things make us feel.

We worked towards the last aim of our be creative badge by using play dough to create our favourite animal, food, toy, etc. we then did

more work towards our go wild badge by using yogurt pots to plant watercress seeds in and each squirrel was able to take this home so that they could learn how to take care of their watercress.

We did a night to finish off our let's celebrate badge by having a Chinese New Year theme night. We coloured in and decorated Chinese lanterns. We learned about the different animals associated with Chinese New Year and we played a game where we had to act these animals out. We also got to eat some of our favourite sweets but by using chopsticks which didn't make it too easy to eat. Each squirrel was then sent home with a fortune cookie as a treat.

For our creative badge the squirrels worked in 2 groups to create squirrel pictures using twigs, leaves and various outdoor items. We then played a hoop game where we did different actions and then we had to pick a colour each time the word hoop is shouted out. We also took part in some singing of heads, shoulders, knees and toes which got faster and faster each time.

We did more work on our go wild badge by making bird food which we made together and took home for us to set outside for our little feathered friends. We then made a simple bird feeder by threading cheerios through a pipe cleaner which the squirrels took home to feed our birds.

We also held a superhero night where the squirrels came dressed up as their favourite superheroes. We played a game about different superpowers, we then played another game where we had to answer questions about firemen, doctor and police. There were 3 hoops red for fireman, green for doctor and blue for police and we had to run to each hoop if the question was about one of them. We then learned about how dentists care for our teeth we had pictures of teeth and the squirrels had to colour on food on them and then use toothbrushes and water to help clean the food away. We then had a small discussion about how dentists help us look after our teeth.

We worked towards our world around us challenge badge we had a night where each squirrel was given a picture of a shop or building in Cookstown and each squirrel took it in turns to discuss what their building was and how they provide us with a service in Cookstown. We then created our very own flags and finished off the night by trying some pain au chocolat and learning what country it comes from.

We had a mother's theme night where we began the night discussing what our mums do to help us. We created lovely cards for our mums by making flowers from cupcake cases and also hearts using tissue paper.

We also held a games night where achieved aims

in our altogether and be active badges. We learned a new game where the squirrels were divided up into teams of 4 and named after a colour. Multiple coloured balls were thrown all over the floor and the squirrels had to get all their coloured balls back in their hoop in the quickest time. We then played a quiet game where a squirrel was blindfolded in the middle and the rest of the squirrels were circled around them. A squirrel was selected to steal the keys and the squirrel in the middle had to guess who stole their keys. We also took part in relay games which involved hopping, kicking the ball and hula hooping.

We had an easter themed night where we made easter nest buns and we took part in an easter egg hunt which helped go towards our superchef badge and out all about adventure badges.

Beavers April 2022 - March 2023

Our Beaver colony was back to meeting weekly on a Monday evening with a programme covering badgework, games and craft activities.

10 Beavers attended Rally Day at Crawfordsburn in May where they took part in adventurous activities such as crate climbing, grass sledging, army assault course as well as learning about our Emergency Services.

In the summer term, Beavers were very successful at growing cress as part of the gardeners badge and also enjoyed trips out to the local park.

A sleepover in October at the hall was great fun for 8 intrepid Beavers with games, craft, movie, campfire and smores!

The highlight of the Autumn term was joining up with Beavers from all over County Londonderry for a trip to Fultons Pumpkin Patch. The extremely wet weather and mud didn't dampen enthusiasm for this trip and everyone returned home with a pumpkin to carve.

Badges earned included the new Money Skills badge, Air Activities, Disability, Gardening, lots of Hobby and collector badges, Sport, Experiment and Challenge badges.

Two Beavers were presented with their Chief Scout Bronze Awards before moving up to Cubs.

Derryloran Explorer Unit April 2022 – March 2023

Derryloran Cub Scouts

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The number of cubs is getting back to what it was before Covid. This group of young people are not keen on crafts, but love to earn badges and take part in sports.

The cubs have completed their Road Safety, Fire Safety, Gardner, Disability, First Aid, Money Skills, Communications and some challenge badges too.

We had a visit from the local PSNI, they showed us their uniform and got to sit in a patrol car and the landrover.

Our annual trip to Drum Manor meant we could complete the Photography badge and the evening was finished off with hot dogs and smores.

They worked well as a group and unfortunately there was no take up for our annual camp.

There were no County or Northern Ireland events this year either for our cubs to go to.

Three cubs moved up to the Scout section.

Derryloran scouts have had another year filled with fun and activity. The scouts have continued to do badge-work both inside and outside of the hall. Such as a number of hikes to gain some experience for those wanting to try complete their Expedition challenge award. A list of badges earned this year are as follows

- Craft
- DIY
- Local Knowledge

- Global Issue
- Scientist
- Teamwork Challenge
- Multiple Stage awards such as Nights Away & Hike

The highlight would have to be our joint camp with the explorers and another local scout group. We took part in the flintstone challenge and the gladiator wall. Thankfully great weather allowed everyone to have a great time.

The Explorers and Scouts combined to put their map reading skills to the test by doing a day hike round Vinegar Hill Loop. Hot drinks were greatly appreciated at the end of the hike, using our new Trangias and stoves.

A number of young people took part in a Joint Camp with 1st Cookstown at Lorne Camp Site. The activities on offer included the Flintstone challenge (making and racing a Flintstone style car), Gladiator rope challenge, Gorge walking and night hike, with everyone helping with cooking on the open fire and enjoying toasting marshmallows.

Three Explorers represented Derryloran to help with tree planting in line with the Queen's Jubilee. This took place at the Lord Lieutenants ground outside Coleraine.

Two Explorers were selected to represent Northern Ireland at the World Scout Jamboree in Korea, July/ August 2023. They continued to meet for training weekends throughout the year, in preparation for the Jamboree.

Another two Explorers were selected to represent Northern Ireland at the Queen's Lying in State. Eve assisted with the Early Morning Team and Jake was part of the Night Owl team.

As part of getting out over the Christmas period, a Christmas hike was planned. A bitterly cold day but was really enjoyed by everyone.

Badges achieved were First Aid, Fundraising (to support our two explorers going to Korea), Air Activities, Sports, Cooks, Navigator and Hike badges with 3 Platinum Awards being achieved and 4 Diamond awards.

	<i>Funds are allocated to activities and events that are both enjoyable and encourage the young people to become more independent and self-reliant, developing teamwork and skills for life.</i>
A statement that the Trustees have had with regard to the Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance	<i>All Trustees named above are aware of the Commissions's Public Benefit, Requirement and Statutory Guidance. There was no harm flowing from the Charities purposes and there was no private benefit.</i>
A review of the Charity's financial position at the end of the year	<i>Cash in Hand: £0 Cash in Bank: £3459 Balance as at year end: £3459 Derryloran Scout Group have no assets or liabilities.</i>
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	<i>There are no funds held by the charity that are materially in deficit.</i>
One or more of the Charity Trustees must sign and date this box.	<i>Signature(s): Jay Green. Date: 14 November 2023</i>