

1st Newtownards Scout Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104073

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-11-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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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, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Preschool (0-5 year olds), Volunteers, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£39,360	£39,500	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Kayleigh Finlay		
Mr Errol Graham		
Mr Geoffrey Harkness		
Mr Jonathan Adams		
Mr Steve Meadows		
Mrs Erin Wigston		
Mrs Kerry Finlay		

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Accounts

1st Newtownards Scout Group
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2025

Receipts			Payments		
Members			Scout Association		
Memberships fees	7,496.49		Membership fees	6,324.50	
Closure of Accounts	0.00	7,496.49	Training Fees	190.00	
Outside users			Badges	640.57	7,155.07
Use of Hall	5,581.00	5,581.00	Hall Expenses		
Grant Aid			Ground Rent	7.00	
EA Grant	2,000.00		Electricity	7,030.59	
Charities Trust	750.00		Telephone / Internet	388.80	
Ulster Bank Charity Fund	750.00		Maintenance & Repairs	1,310.57	
Co-Op Community Grant	500.00		Insurance	2,096.32	
Gift Aid	2,675.61	6,675.61	Water rates	708.00	
Other Receipts			Web Site Fees	180.00	
Community Market	926.53		Cleaning	150.00	11,871.28
Red Rose Fundrasing	1,801.26		Events		
Red Rose Fees	1,379.30		Red Rose Summer Camp	5,035.00	
Fundrasing Events	3,820.34		Arizona 2026 Camp	1,929.00	
Arizona 2026 Fees	1,929.00		Camps & Events	3,389.10	10,353.10
Other	4,744.70		General Expenses		
Advertising hoardings	5,000.00		Section Expenses	10,040.49	
Bank interest	6.24	19,607.37	Bank Fees	67.42	
Operating Sub total			Operating Sub Total		
39,360.47			39,500.30		
Opening Balance			Closing balance		
Current A/C 1st April 2024			Current A/C 31 March 2025		
12,363.81			12,223.98		
Grand Total			Grand total		
51,724.28			51,724.28		

Analysis Of membership @ Census return 31/1/2025					Arrears at 31/3/2025			
	Youth	Young Leaders	Leaders	Helpers	D.O.E. Helpers	Beavers		
Squirrels	18	1	3			Cubs		0.00
Beavers	17		4			Scouts		0.00
Cubs	27	2	3					
Scouts	10		5					

Membership		This statement has been prepared from the books, records, receipts and vouchers in my possession			
Total Youth Members - Group	72	Treasurer	<i>J Adams</i>	Date	31/05/2025
Total Youth Members - District	3	We have examined the above Summary of Receipts & Payments etc., together with the records and documents from which they have been compiled,			
Adult Leaders	15	we have inspected securities for any investments held and certify that the			
Adult helpers	0	Bank / Deposit Account balances included above are in accordance with the			
D.O.E. Helpers	0	Bank Statements / Accounts Books presented to us.			
Group Total	90	Chairperson	<i>H. May</i>	Date	31/05/2025
		LV	<i>E. Don</i>	Date	31/05/2025
		Auditor	<i>M. O'Brien</i>	Date	01/06/2025

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	6,675.61	Cleaning	150.00
Other Receipts			11,871.28
Community Market	926.53	Events	
Red Rose Fundraising	1,801.26	Red Rose Summer Camp	5,035.00
Red Rose Fees	1,379.30	Arizona 2026 Camp	1,929.00
Fundraising Events	3,820.34	Camps & Events	3,389.10
Arizona 2026 Fees	1,929.00		10,353.10
Other	4,744.70	General Expenses	
Advertising hoardings	5,000.00	Section Expenses	10,040.49
Bank interest	6.24	Bank Fees	67.42
	19,607.37		10,107.91
Operating Sub total		Misc	
	39,360.47	GoCardless Fees	12.94
Opening Balance			12.94
Current A/C 1st April 2024	12,363.81	Operating Sub Total	
		39,500.30	
		Closing balance	
		Current A/C 31 March 2025	12,223.98
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		Auditor	<i>[Signature]</i>	Date	01/06/2025

1st NEWTOWNARDS SCOUT GROUP
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY – April 2024 to March 2025

INCOME

	£	£
Grants	6,676	
Membership fees	7,496	
Bank Interest	6	
Use of Hall	5,581	
Other	14,601	
Advertising	5,000	
TOTAL		39,360




EXPENDITURE

	£	£
Internet	389	
Electricity	7,031	
Water rates	708	
Hall Insurance	2,096	
Ground rent	7	
Maintenance	1,311	
Events	10,353	
Cleaning	150	
Membership fees	6,965	
Training	190	
Web Site Fees	180	
GoCardless Fees	13	
Expenses	10,108	
TOTAL		39,500

Bank Opening balance	12,364
Net Inflow/(Outflow)	(140)
Bank Closing balance	12,224
Equals Money Closing Balance	1,059
No2 Account Closing Balance	1,929

1st Netowards Scout Group
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 31 March 2025

	£	£
Fixed assets		
Hall	135,000.00	
Fixtures and fittings	7,000.00	
Scouting equipment	15,000.00	
Minibus	<u>0.00</u>	
		157,000.00
 Current assets		
Cash at bank		12,223.98
 Net assets		<u><u>169,223.98</u></u>
 Represented by		
Unrestricted Funds		<u><u>169,223.98</u></u>

Treasurer		Date	31st May 2025
Chairperson		Date	31st May 2025
LV		Date	31st May 2025

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Memberships fees	4,345.06		Membership fees	0.00	
Members Hall rent	0.00		Training Fees	35.00	
Closure of Accounts	0.00	4,345.06	Badges	294.00	329.00
Outside users			Hall Expenses		
Use of Hall	4,660.50		Ground Rent	7.00	
Miscellaneous	0.00	4,660.50	Electricity	1,838.24	
Grant Aid			Telephone / Internet	388.80	
EA Grant	2,385.00		Maintenance & Repairs	1,465.10	
EA Summer Scheme Grant	0.00		Insurance	1,972.25	
Co-Operation Ireland Grant	0.00		Water rates	473.00	
Gift Aid	0.00	2,385.00	Web Site Fees	180.00	6,324.39
Other Receipts			Events		
Amazon Smile	27.72		Red Rose Summer Camp	2,160.00	
Red Rose Fundrasing	1,696.05		Camps	390.00	2,550.00
Red Rose Fees	1,206.62		General Expenses		
Other	1,167.31		Section Expenses	3,892.85	
Advertising hoardings	4,000.00		Bank & Equals Money Fees	53.27	
Bank interest	13.79	8,111.49	Equals Money	6,500.00	10,446.12
Operating Sub total		19,502.05	Misc		
Opening Balance			Repayment of EA Grant	92.63	92.63
Current A/C 1st April 2023		12,603.80	Operating Sub Total		
			Closing balance		
			Current A/C 31 March 2024		12,363.71
Grand Total		32,105.85	Grand total		32,105.85

Analysis Of membership @ Census return 31/1/2024					Arrears at 31/3/2024			
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Beavers	25		4			Cubs		0.00
Cubs	13	2	3			Scouts		0.00
Scouts	13		5					

Membership		This statement has been prepared from the books, records, receipts and vouchers in my possession			
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Adult Leaders	15	together with the records and documents from which they have been compiled,			
Adult helpers	0	we have inspected securities for any investments held and certify that the			
D.O.E. Helpers	0	Bank / Deposit Account balances included above are in accordance with the			
Group Total	87	Bank Statements / Accounts Books presented to us.			
Chairman		<i>S.A.D.</i>	Date	31/05/2024	
LV		<i>[Signature]</i>	Date	31/05/2024	
Auditor		<i>M. White</i>	Date	01/06/2024	

1st Netownards Scout Group
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 31 March 2024

	£	£
Fixed assets		
Hall	120,000.00	
Fixtures and fittings	6,400.00	
Scouting equipment	14,500.00	
Minibus	<u>0.00</u>	
		140,900.00
Current assets		
Cash at bank		<u>12,363.71</u>
Net assets		<u><u>153,263.71</u></u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted Funds		<u><u>153,263.71</u></u>

Treasurer		Date	31st May 2024
Chairperson		Date	31st May 2024
LV		Date	31st May 2024

1st NEWTOWNARDS SCOUT GROUP
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY – April 2023 to March 2024

INCOME

	£	£
Grants	2,385	
Membership fees	4,345	
Bank Interest	14	
User Groups	4,661	
Other	4,098	
Advertising	4,000	
TOTAL		19,502




EXPENDITURE

	£	£
Internet	389	
Electricity	1,838	
Water rates	473	
Hall Insurance	1,972	
Ground rent	7	
Maintenance	1,465	
Events	2,550	
Membership fees	294	
Training	35	
Web Site Fees	180	
Summer Jam	93	
Miscellaneous	10,446	
TOTAL		19,742

Bank Opening balance	12,604
Net Inflow/(Outflow)	(240)
Bank Closing balance	12,364
Equals Money Closing Balance	1,028
Adjusted Net In Flow/(Outflow)	788

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 31 March 2024

	£	£
Fixed assets		
Hall	120,000.00	
Fixtures and fittings	6,400.00	
Scouting equipment	14,500.00	
Minibus	<u>0.00</u>	
		140,900.00
Current assets		
Cash at bank		<u>12,363.71</u>
Net assets		<u><u>153,263.71</u></u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted Funds		<u><u>153,263.71</u></u>

Treasurer		Date	31st May 2024
Chairperson		Date	31st May 2024
LV		Date	31st May 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

1ST NEWTOWNARDS SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31ST March 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities and statement of assets and liabilities.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's/District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 65 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
- 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

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with 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 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 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: Mr Mark McBride

Qualification: Accountant

Address: 4 Kinwood Avenue, Bangor, BT19 6WB

Date: 1st June 2024

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Annual report

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn give authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted

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

(e.g. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods

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

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

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

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

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, 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 registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Policies and procedures adopted for:

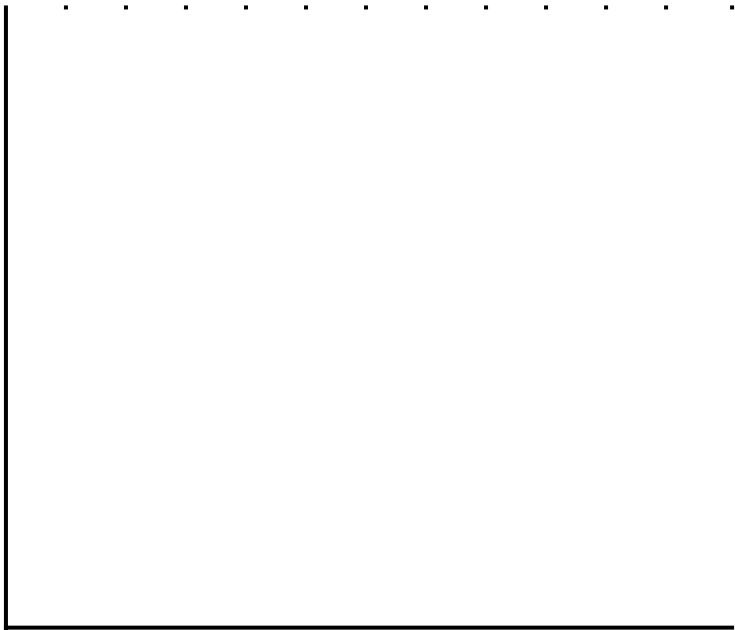
The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer, Lead Volunteer and 8 Trustees and meets every month.

a) the induction and training of trustees

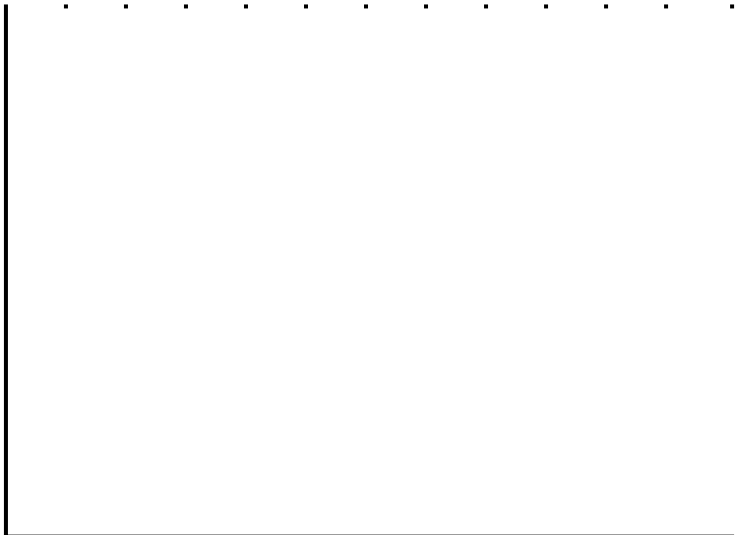
Members of the Trustee Board complete 'Being a Scouts Trustee' learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

b) trustee consideration of major risks and the

This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that give young people skills for life.



Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	<p>The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed ; systems have been established to mitigate against them. The r areas of concern that have been identified are:</p> <p>Damage to the building, property and equipment, The Group ha sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.</p> <p>Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Association national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.</p> <p>Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily relia upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group do hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value o subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoin basis, either temporarily or permanently.</p> <p>Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If th was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable le in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.</p> <p>Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities fc young people aged 4 to 18. If there was a reduction in member in a particular section or the group as whole then there would h to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.</p> <p>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 policies to ensure th insurable risks are covered.</p>



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, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values:</p> <p><i>Integrity</i> - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. <i>Respect</i> - We have self-respect and respect for others. <i>Care</i> - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. <i>Belief</i> - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. <i>Co-operation</i> - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p>The Scout Method Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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	

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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.

Public benefit statement

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.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Section E Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income from fundraising activities fall short. The Group Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £8000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £13,000 against this year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

Further financial review details (optional information)

- You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
 - how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
 - investment policy and objectives;

The Group's Income and Expenditure is small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in stocks shares.

The Group Trustee Board 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.

All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or build societies.

Section F Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

Section G Declaration

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

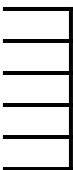
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Errol Graham</i>	<i>Simon Wigston</i>
Full name(s)	Errol Graham	Simon Wigston
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Group Lead Volunteer	Secretary

Date

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Chairman		<i>S.A.D.</i>	Date	31/05/2024	
LV		<i>[Signature]</i>	Date	31/05/2024	
Auditor		<i>M. White</i>	Date	01/06/2024	

1st Netownards Scout Group
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 31 March 2024

	£	£
Fixed assets		
Hall	120,000.00	
Fixtures and fittings	6,400.00	
Scouting equipment	14,500.00	
Minibus	<u>0.00</u>	
		140,900.00
Current assets		
Cash at bank		<u>12,363.71</u>
Net assets		<u><u>153,263.71</u></u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted Funds		<u><u>153,263.71</u></u>

Treasurer		Date	31st May 2024
Chairperson		Date	31st May 2024
LV		Date	31st May 2024

1st NEWTOWNARDS SCOUT GROUP
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY – April 2023 to March 2024

INCOME

	£	£
Grants	2,385	
Membership fees	4,345	
Bank Interest	14	
User Groups	4,661	
Other	4,098	
Advertising	4,000	
TOTAL		19,502

EXPENDITURE

	£	£
Internet	389	
Electricity	1,838	
Water rates	473	
Hall Insurance	1,972	
Ground rent	7	
Maintenance	1,465	
Events	2,550	
Membership fees	294	
Training	35	
Web Site Fees	180	
Summer Jam	93	
Miscellaneous	10,446	
TOTAL		19,742




Bank Opening balance	12,604
Net Inflow/(Outflow)	(240)
Bank Closing balance	12,364

Equals Money Closing Balance **1,028**

Adjusted Net In Flow/(Outflow) **788**

1st Netownards Scout Group
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 31 March 2024

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Treasurer		Date	31st May 2024
Chairperson		Date	31st May 2024
LV		Date	31st May 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

1ST NEWTOWNARDS SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31ST March 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities and statement of assets and liabilities.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's/District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 65 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
- 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

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with 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 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 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: Mr Mark McBride

Qualification: Accountant

Address: 4 Kinwood Avenue, Bangor, BT19 6WB

Date: 1st June 2024

1st Newtownards Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104073

Accounts

1st Newtownards Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2023

Receipts			Payments		
Members			Scout Association		
Memberships fees	4,575.27		Membership fees	2,740.50	
Members Hall rent	0.00		Training Fees	40.00	
Closure of Accounts	0.00	4,575.27	Badges	188.05	2,968.55
Outside users			Hall Expenses		
Use of Hall	2,309.00		Ground Rent	7.00	
Miscellaneous	0.00	2,309.00	Electricity	1,518.25	
Grant Aid			Telephone / Internet	403.80	
EA Grant	2,000.00		Maintenance & Repairs	9,871.71	
EA Summer Scheme Grant	0.00		Insurance	1,882.65	
Co-Operation Ireland Grant	0.00		Water rates	300.00	
Gift Aid	966.53	2,966.53	Web Site Fees	165.00	14,148.41
Other Receipts			Vehicles		
Beavers Rally Day	61.00		MiniBus Ins & Maint	0.00	
Amazon Smile	38.63		Purchase Lawn Mower	0.00	0.00
IOM Summer Camp	6,298.30		General Expenses		
Other	1,001.80		Section Expenses	1,786.46	
Advertising hoardings	4,000.00		Bank & Equals Money Fees	58.43	
Bank interest	14.89	11,414.62	Equals Money	6,150.00	7,994.89
Operating Sub total		21,265.42	Events		
Opening Balance			IOM Summer Camp	6,611.95	6,611.95
Current A/C 1st April 2022		23,062.18	Operating Sub Total		
			Closing balance		
			Current A/C 31 March 2023		12,603.80
Grand Total		44,327.60	Grand total		44,327.60

Analysis Of membership @ Census return 31/1/2023						Arrears at 31/3/2023		
	Youth	Young Leaders	Leaders	Helpers	D.O.E. Helpers	Beavers		
Squirrels	17	1	3			Cubs		0.00
Beavers	11		3			Scouts		0.00
Cubs	17		4					0.00
Scouts	18		4					

Membership		This statement has been prepared from the books, records, receipts and vouchers in my possession			
Total Youth Members - Group	63	Treasurer	<i>J Adams</i>	Date	31/05/2023
Total Youth Members - District	1	We have examined the above Summary of Receipts & Payments etc., together with the records and documents from which they have been compiled, we have inspected securities for any investments held and certify that the Bank / Deposit Account balances included above are in accordance with the Bank Statements / Accounts Books presented to us.			
Adult Leaders	14				
Adult helpers	0				
D.O.E. Helpers	0				
Group Total	78	Chairman	<i>James R. B.</i>	Date	31/05/2023
		GSL	<i>M. R.</i>	Date	31/05/2023
		Acting GSL	<i>D. Maxwell</i>	Date	31/05/2023
		Auditor	<i>Brian Dorney</i>	Date	01/06/2023

1st NEWTOWNARDS SCOUT GROUP
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY – April 2022 to March 2023

INCOME

	£	£
Grants	2,967	
Membership fees	4,575	
Bank Interest	15	
User Groups	2,309	
Other	7,400	
Advertising	4,000	
TOTAL		21,265

EXPENDITURE

	£	£
Internet	404	
Electricity	1,518	
Water rates	300	
Hall Insurance	1,883	
Ground rent	7	
Maintenance	9,872	
Vehicles	-	
Membership fees	2,929	
Training	40	
Web Site Fees	165	
Summer Jam	6,612	
Miscellaneous	7,995	
TOTAL		31,724

Bank Opening balance	23,062
Net Inflow/(Outflow)	(10,458)
Bank Closing balance	12,604

Equals Money Closing Balance **1,028**

Adjusted Net In Flow/(Outflow) **(9,430)**

1st Netownards Scout Group
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 31 March 2023

	£	£
Fixed assets		
Hall	110,000.00	
Fixtures and fittings	6,400.00	
Scouting equipment	16,000.00	
Minibus	<u>0.00</u>	
		132,400.00
 Current assets		
Cash at bank		<u>12,603.80</u>
 Net assets		<u><u>145,003.80</u></u>
 Represented by		
Unrestricted Funds		<u><u>145,003.80</u></u>

Treasurer	<i>J Adams</i>	Date	31st May 2023
Chairman	<i>Joseph White</i>	Date	31st May 2023
GSL	<i>MR</i>	Date	31st May 2023
Acting GSL	<i>D Markwell</i>	Date	31st May 2023

1st Newtownards Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104073

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

1st NEWTOWNARDS 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

94 CIRCULAR ROAD

NEWTOWNARDS

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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	Mr Jason Fisher	Chairman	
2	Mr Jonathan Adams	Treasurer	
3	Ms Lorraine Adams	Secretary	
4	Mr Robert Fisher		
5	Mr Michael Robinson	Group Scout Leader	to 01/03/23
6	Miss Danielle Markwell	Group Scout Leader	From 01/03/2023
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Group's/District's/Area's/County's (delete as appropriate) 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.

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group/District/Area/County (delete as appropriate) 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:

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.

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 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 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.

Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1)

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 that have been identified 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 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.

Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 2)

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 policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
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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, 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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

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.

It was with regret that our Group Scout Leader Michael Robinson had to stand down to family issues. I want to record my thanks to Michael for the time and effort he gave to the group over the last 11 years. The group is in better standing for all the sterling work he carried out.

Public benefit statement

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

As the Covid restrictions were totally lifted during the period 01/04/22 to 31/03/23 all sections were able to operate a fully programme. The Group attracted a number of new volunteer leaders to assist with activities in the various sections this allowed the group to offer places to more young people.

Section E

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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 £8000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £12604 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

Further financial review details (optional information)

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

- 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>Investment Policy (Specimen 1)</p> <p>The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.</p> <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> <p>Investment Policy (Specimen 2)</p> <p>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.</p>
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Section F Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

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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)	<i>Jason Fisher</i>	<i>Michael Robinson</i>
Full name(s)	Jason Fisher	Michael Robinson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Chairman	Group Scout Leader
Date	0 1 0 6 2 3	

1st Newtownards Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104073

Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

1ST NEWTOWNARDS SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31ST MARCH 2023

which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities and statement of assets and liabilities.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's/District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To 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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group/District 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 statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *):

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply*

Name: Mr Brian Dorrian

Qualification: Civil Servant

Address: 34 Spring Lane, Greyabbey, Co. Down, BT22 2NA

Date: 1st June 2023

LT700006 (1st February 2017)