

1st Comber Scout Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104076

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	£23,876	£20,950	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Nathan Hamill		
Mr William James Aitcheson		
Mrs Charlene Robinson Rgn		

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Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1st April 2024	To	31st March 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					
Fees	13,168	-	-	13,168	17,007
Camps	8,220	-	-	8,220	2,847
Fundraising	1,093	-	-	1,093	1,077
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	802
Grants	984	-	-	984	4,168
Bank interest	12	-	-	12	14
Uniforms	399	-	-	399	530
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	23,876	-	-	23,876	26,445
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	23,876	-	-	23,876	26,445
A3 Payments					
Camps	10,648	-	-	10,648	5,442
Capitation	5,870	-	-	5,870	12,840
Overheads	1,316	-	-	1,316	2,747
Repairs & equipment	321	-	-	321	306
Materials	671	-	-	671	883
Uniforms	1,592	-	-	1,592	1,633
Training	40	-	-	40	282
Bank fees	492	-	-	492	346
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	20,950	-	-	20,950	24,479
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	20,950	-	-	20,950	24,479
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,926	-	-	2,926	1,966
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	23,142	-	-	23,142	21,176
Cash funds this year end	26,068	-	-	26,068	23,142

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	Bank	26,088	-	-	26,088	23,142
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	26,088	-	-	26,088	23,142
	(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		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

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
 William Aitcheson
 Nathan Hamill

Date of approval
 28/01/2026
 28/01/2026

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A1 Receipts					
Fees	17,007	-	-	17,007	13,454
Camps	2,847	-	-	2,847	5,779
Fundraising	1,077	-	-	1,077	-
Gift Aid	802	-	-	802	2,124
Grants	4,168	-	-	4,168	2,800
Bank interest	14	-	-	14	16
Uniforms	530	-	-	530	205
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	26,445	-	-	26,445	24,378
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	26,445	-	-	26,445	24,378
A3 Payments					
Camps	5,442	-	-	5,442	6,286
Capitation	12,840	-	-	12,840	10,146
Overheads	2,747	-	-	2,747	1,136
Repairs & equipment	306	-	-	306	2,676
Materials	883	-	-	883	496
Uniforms	1,633	-	-	1,633	1,331
Training	282	-	-	282	100
Bank fees	346	-	-	346	251
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	24,479	-	-	24,479	22,422
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	24,479	-	-	24,479	22,422
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,966	-	-	1,966	1,956
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	21,176	-	-	21,176	19,220
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		-	-	-	-	-
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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

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
 William Aitcheson
 Nathan Hamill

Date of approval
 04/02/2025
 04/02/2025

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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

1st Comber Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1 0 4 0 7 6

HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

St Mary's Church of Ireland

The Square

Comber

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	William Aitcheson	Chairman	
2	Nathan Hamill	Treasurer	
3	Charlene Robinson	GSL	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Group's 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 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 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

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 or, 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 4 to 14. 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 or, in the worst case scenario, the complete closure of the Group.

Risk and Internal Control

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

We arrange regular meetings and trips to ensure the young people have an opportunity to learn and practice the skills they have learned in Scouting

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

All young people in the group get the opportunity to take part in various activities both indoors and outdoors. When they become involved they are given the opportunities to lead and be a team member within their age range. Under the guidance of the leaders they cook, play games, do badge work, camp, hike, cycle, swim, canoe, climb. The list goes on and on. The main achievements of the young ones is gaining their various awards and badges which helps them in various ways

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 £6,000

The Group held reserves of approximately £23,000 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);

Investment Policy (Specimen 1)

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.

• how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

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.

• investment policy and objectives

Investment Policy (Specimen 2)

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.

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)

	
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Full name(s)

Nathan Hamill	William Aitcheson
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Treasurer	Trustee
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Date

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1st Comber Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104076

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of "1st Comber Scout Group"

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages attached.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

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 Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- 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 the 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 such 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 the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Name: Ryan Elwood

Relevant professional qualification or body: Company Secretary (4.5years) + other Finance roles 20+ years.

Address: Ballyearl Way, Newtownabbey, BT36 5BZ

Date: 30/01/25

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Elwood', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

1st Comber Scout Group

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Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from

1st April 2022

To

31st March 2023

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 £
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A1 Receipts	13,454	-	-	13,454	-
Fees	5,779	-	-	5,779	-
Camps	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	2,124	-	-	2,124	-
Grants	2,800	-	-	2,800	-
Bank interest	16	-	-	16	-
Uniforms	205	-	-	205	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	24,378	-	-	24,378	-

A2 Asset and investment sales
(see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).

A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	24,378	-	-	24,378	-

A3 Payments	6,286	-	-	6,286	-
Camps	10,146	-	-	10,146	-
Capitation	1,136	-	-	1,136	-
Overheads	2,676	-	-	2,676	-
Repairs & equipment	496	-	-	496	-
Materials	1,331	-	-	1,331	-
Uniforms	100	-	-	100	-
Training	251	-	-	251	-
Bank fees	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	22,422	-	-	22,422	-

A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)

A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	22,422	-	-	22,422	-

Net of receipts/(payments)	1,956	-	-	1,956	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	19,220	-	-	19,220	19,220
Cash funds this year end	21,176	-	-	21,176	19,220

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For the period

From (start date) to end date

Section A

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1st Comber Scout Group

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1 0 4 0 7 6

HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

St Mary's Church of Ireland
The Square
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Postcode

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Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)	
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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 £5000

The Group held reserves of approximately £21,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses.

Quantity 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);

Investment Policy (Specimen 1)

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.

- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives

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.

Investment Policy (Specimen 2)

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.

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)							
Full name(s)	Nathan Hamill Charlene Robinson						
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Treasurer Trustee						
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1st Comber Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104076

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of "1st Comber Scout Group"

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages attached.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

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 Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- 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 the 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 such 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 the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Name: Ryan Elwood

Relevant professional qualification or body: Company Secretary (Feb 19 - Aug 23) / Finance Manager (Aug 23 – present).

Address: 4 Heron Road, BT3 9LE

Date: 30/01/2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Elwood', written over the printed name and address.