

1st Portstewart Scout Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104079

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	£16,505	£14,053	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Mary Ellen Lynch		
Mr James Gavin Beck		
Mr Ryan Elliott		
Mr Stuart Cullen		

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Accounts

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Income.	16505.38
Interest.	83.40
Less Expenses	
Power.	983.61
Oil.	1136.00
Grass cutting.	560.00
Insurance.	1791.32
Capitation.	3053.00
Scout expenses.	2295.68
Repairs.	1477.56
Water rates.	546.92
Grants repaid.	2154.90
Bank fees.	54.13.
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Excess of income over expenses.	2535.66

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Accounts

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Income		
Subscriptions and other income		9986.39
Interest received		34.48
Less Expenses		
Grass cutting	735.00	
Insurance	1758.17	
Water rates	346.35	
Electricity	745.21	
Heating Oil	749.00	
General expense	56.00	
Capitation Fees	2698.00	
Scout expenses	2001.76	
Bank fees	47.83	
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Excess of Income over Expenditure		----- 883.55 =====

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Section Reports — 1st Portstewart Scout Group

Cubs – Report by Section Leader Karen Hunter

Karen provided a detailed overview of a very active and rewarding year within the Cub section. The programme included a mixture of skills-based activities, outdoor learning, and community engagement. Highlights of the year included a visit to Coleraine Police Station, a session at the local climbing wall, a community litter pick around Portstewart Promenade, and an indoor Cub sleep-over which was a particular success with excellent behaviour and participation from the young people.

Karen noted the high level of commitment shown by the Cubs in their badge work. Four Chief Cub Awards were presented during the year — a significant achievement demonstrating sustained effort over time — with a further four Cubs due to receive their award in the near future. This was commended as evidence of the strong programme and the enthusiasm within the section.

She expressed thanks to assistant leaders Karen Elliott and Dave Bustard, along with all parent helpers who contributed throughout the year. An open invitation remains for parents to consider joining the leadership team to build future capacity. The report concluded to warm applause from those present.

Beavers – Report by Section Leader Jaz

Jaz reported excellent numbers in the Beaver section, with nine new Beavers joining this year, bringing the section to full capacity. Young Leaders Holly and Patrick were thanked for their consistent support and leadership development.

In total, 243 badges were awarded across the year — evidence of consistent attendance, participation and progress in core skills. The Beavers enjoyed a busy social calendar, including a summer fun day, Halloween celebration, St Patrick's Day activities and a Christmas party. External visitors included St John Ambulance and representatives from the PSNI, which provided valuable educational engagement.

Parents were thanked for their support throughout the year, and Jaz noted that additional parent helpers or new leaders would allow the section to sustain and potentially expand. The Beaver section report was met with applause.

Scouts & Explorers – Reports by Bjorn O'Brien and Bob (Explorer Leader)

Bjorn O'Brien gave a brief outline of the year's activities within the Scout Troop. The section is currently preparing for the forthcoming Scout Camp at Peter Thompson Hall, Castlerock, which will provide outdoor skills development and team-building opportunities.

Stuart Cullen offered formal thanks to the newly appointed Explorer Leaders, James and Bob, who have taken on leadership responsibilities within the senior age group.

Bob then provided a short report on the Explorer section, speaking to the strong sense of friendship and continuity that Scouting provides as young people move through the older

sections. This year's programme included a series of hikes at Portballintrae, Binevenagh and Crawfordsburn, alongside survival nights and practical skills sessions. He emphasised both the personal development and the retention benefits of the Explorer programme. This report was also met with applause.

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

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2024.

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.

CCNI ARR07 – supporting document

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, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: James Kilgore

Address: 6 College Avenue, Coleraine, BT51 3HB

Date: 15.10.25

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Accounts

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Income

Subscriptions and other income	10006.25	
Interest Received	5.70	

	10011.95	

Less Expenses

Insurance	1924.20	
Grass Cutting	665.00	
Plumbing Repairs	250.00	
Water Rates	373.97	
Electricity	518.03	
Heating Oil	855.00	
Miscellaneous	96.00	
Scout Expenses	442.36	
Capitation Fees	2664.50	
Bank Fees	55.97	7845.03
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Excess of Income over Expenditure		2166.92
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Bank balance and cash on hand £9293

Buildings and contents per insured valuation £793793

Liabilities £0

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1st Portstewart Scout Group (NIC 104079) Annual Report for year ending 31st March 2023

Scout Section

April 2022 was the start of the first full year back after Covid epidemic. Scout attendance averaged in the mid to high 20's throughout indicating a strong desire from young people to get out and embrace the outdoors again. Some of the activity badges earned were Astronomer, Communicator, Local Knowledge and Writer. Some of the challenge badges earned were Teamwork, Creative and Personal.

Summer Camp 2022 was held at Downhill Forest with 14 Scouts attending. This was a green field site where traditional scouting skills were learnt and utilised. The Scouts cycled to camp to earn the Cyclist Badge and cut down on their carbon footprint. They braved the North Atlantic to participate in some surfing at Benone.

We returned after the summer with a total Troop of 32 and average attendances in the mid 20's with 20% of total made up of female scouts. We also had an influx of Scouts from differing ethnic backgrounds with approx 20% non-Christian which lead us to tweak our programme to award activity badges for World Faiths, Chef and the World Challenge.

Cub Scout Section

Portstewart cubs have continued to offer a varied and fun programme to our pack. Our numbers have remained encouraging with 4 sixes and with the help of 2 scout young leaders programmes have been successfully delivered. As well as weekly pack meetings in the scout hall we have had a trip to NCIC climbing wall which was very exciting as well as a night with the PSNI which was well received. As the weather warmed we linked up with ASDA community worker to do a litter pick on the beach. Great fun was had and as it was just after the NW200 well timed. Our camp in our hall went really well with great support from parents. We were lucky with the weather even though it was April and enjoyed a beach run and fun afternoon then back at the hall practised outdoor cooking and catapult creation. The evening was filled with crafting medieval implements and tabards to enact a jousting competition. Smiles all round. We even managed a camp fire outside, melting marshmallows a must.

With all 4 of our sixers attaining their silver award as they progressed to scouts, the pack continues to flourish with good progress and numbers attending.

Beaver Section

During the year March 22-23, there was 36 evening meetings. In September 2022 we welcome 7 new beavers into the colony, and 4 beavers moved up into cubs. We also welcomed a new leader after the Section Leader retired at the end of the Summer term 2022. We retained 10 beavers on the books for the year and 3 leaders.

During the year ending March 2023, Beavers completed a number of activity badges including book reader, builder, cook, sports, communication, health & fitness, and space. They also completed hikes away 1, and some achieved swimmer stage 1 badge. There was 3 beavers working towards their Chief scout Bronze award, 5 beavers achieved their personal challenge badge, with 5 working towards it.

Weekly meetings held on Wednesday term time allowed activities to be completed towards badges as well as activities for events, such as St Patricks Day, Remembrance and Easter. There were also several meetings held away from the scout hall which included a litter pick within the local community and a visit to the beach for a nature walk and completing nature crafts.

Beavers got well involved into all aspects of scouting, learning basic scouting skills of knots, fire lighting, campfire songs, developing their leadership and teamwork skills through team activities and games and gaining skills which can be used outside scouting such as sign language, green cross code and kitchen safety.

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Name: Dolores Haynes

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Date: 30/12/2023