

# 1st Inch Scout Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104116

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-10-20
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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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, Cultural, Sport/recreation, Youth development

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

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£2,607	£5,725	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
David Cockfield		
Mr Ben Bayley		
Mr Philip Gallagher		
Mr Richard Gawith		
Mrs Dawn Stocking		
Ms Deirdre Pim		

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# Accounts

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/09/2023	To	30/08/2024
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Members' subscriptions	1,453	-	-	1,453	2,076
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	785	-	-	785	1,600
Sale of Hoodies	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	14	-	-	14	17
Camp	355	-	-	355	-
<b>A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)</b>	<b>2,607</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,607</b>	<b>3,692</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).</b>					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>2,607</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,607</b>	<b>3,692</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Equipment/Programmes	3,941	-	-	3,941	948
Camp	-	-	-	-	1,211
Woggles/Scarves	-	-	-	-	-
Hoodies	-	-	-	-	-
Badges	-	-	-	-	179
District	1,365	-	-	1,365	1,653
Rent	-	-	-	-	1,020
Insurance	394	-	-	394	359
Bank Charges	25	-	-	25	24
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>5,725</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,725</b>	<b>5,394</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)</b>					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>5,725</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,725</b>	<b>5,394</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 3,118</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 3,118</b>	<b>- 1,702</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,544	-	-	14,544	16,246
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>11,426</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,426</b>	<b>14,544</b>

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# Accounts

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/09/2022	To	30/08/2023	
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Members' subscriptions	2,076	-	-	2,076	2,430
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	413
Grants	1,600	-	-	1,600	3,298
Sale of Hoodies	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	17	-	-	17	17
Camp	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)</b>	<b>3,692</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,692</b>	<b>6,158</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).</b>					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>3,692</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,692</b>	<b>6,158</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Equipment/Programmes	948	-	-	948	826
Camp	1,211	-	-	1,211	1,218
Woggles/Scarves	-	-	-	-	-
Hoodies	-	-	-	-	-
Badges	179	-	-	179	502
District	1,653	-	-	1,653	1,785
Rent	1,020	-	-	1,020	850
Insurance	359	-	-	359	313
Bank Charges	24	-	-	24	23
Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>5,394</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,394</b>	<b>5,517</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)</b>					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>5,394</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,394</b>	<b>5,517</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 1,702</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 1,702</b>	<b>641</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>16,246</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,246</b>	<b>15,605</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>14,544</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,544</b>	<b>16,246</b>

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# Annual report

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# Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)  to end date

**Section A Reference and administration details**

Charity name

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

Church Of Ireland Hall  
Greystown Road  
Downpatrick, Co Down  
Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity  
*(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)*

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1 David Cockfield		
2 Mrs Dawn Stocking		
3 Mr Ben Bayley		
4 Mr Philip Gallagher		
5 Ms Deldre Pim		
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)  
*(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)*

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Auditor	Norman Stewart	

**Section B Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document  
*(e.g. trust deed, constitution)*

How the charity is constituted  
*(e.g. trust, association, company)*

Trustee selection methods  
*(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:

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

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 the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 3 Trustees.

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

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 gives young people skills for life.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	<p><b>Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1)</b> The Group Trustee Board 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:</p> <p><b>Damage to the building, property and equipment.</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members.</b> The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.</p> <p><b>Reduced income from fund raising.</b> 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 Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently, however it tries to avoid doing this due to Downpatrick being an area of high economic deprivation.</p> <p><b>Reduction or loss of leaders.</b> 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 of 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.</p> <p><b>Reduction or loss of members.</b> The Group provides activities for all young people aged 5 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section of 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.</p> <p><b>Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 2)</b> 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.</p>

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p><b>The Purpose of Scouting</b> Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p><b>The Values of Scouting</b> As Scouts we are guided by these values:  <b>Integrity</b> - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.  <b>Respect</b> - We have self-respect and respect for others.  <b>Care</b> - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.  <b>Belief</b> - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.  <b>Co-operation</b> - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p><b>The Scout Method</b> 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.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	<p>1st Inch Scout Group opened in September 2022 back in the Inch Community Hall with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.  The programme was started looking at badges and what badges we would be working on this year. Topics and badges covered were Disability Awareness, Teamwork, Safety, Cookery, Arts and Crafts etc to name a few. The programme of normal Wednesday night activities were supplemented by a variety of activities organised at District and County and Northern Ireland as well as offsite activities organised by the group.  Behaviour over the year was excellent and we have been very proud of our cubs and beavers when we have been out and about.  After Easter 2023 – the programme went outdoors to Fodder Woods where our outdoor programme was started. This included some bicycle skills, outdoor yoga, and camp fire cooking.  Beaver Camp was held at Kilmora Parish Church and our annual camp took us to Castlowellan Forest Park – where the cubs and scouts had a brilliant weekend of activities by Life Adventure.</p>
Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)	<p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policy on grantmaking;</li> <li>• contribution made by volunteers;</li> <li>• policy on investments.</li> </ul> <p>The entire leadership team consists of volunteers, without whom the Troop simply would not run. They are a wonderful, eclectic group, with varied backgrounds, skills, experiences and personalities, who all delight in seeing the young people in the troop grow and flourish as individuals and within the Scout Movement.  It is important also to acknowledge the parents of the young people, many of whom volunteer regularly, helping with admin, resources, transport, and sometimes even delivering some of the programme where they have skills and passions to share.</p>
Public benefit statement	<p>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.</p>

Section D	Achievements and performance
Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	<p>1st Inch Scout Group opened in September 2022 back in the Inch Community Hall with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.  The programme was started looking at badges and what badges we would be working on this year. Topics and badges covered were Disability Awareness, Teamwork, Safety, Cookery, Arts and Crafts etc</p>

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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 Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £2000. In actuality, the group has historically had a surplus held over from many years previous. The reserve currently sits at circa £10,000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £10,000 against this at year end. This is above the level/below required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by the fact it existed when the current leadership team and trustee board took office. It is understood to have been built up from prior fundraising activities.

**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;

**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.

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. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Trustee Board 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) [Signature]

Full name(s) DAVID O'NEILL GROUP SCOUT LEADER

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Date 24/06/25

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# Annual return

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## **Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of 1<sup>st</sup> Inch Scout Group**

I report on the accounts of the **1<sup>st</sup> Inch Scout Group** for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024, which are set out on the attached Accounts and Payments Account.

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



Norman Stewart

15 The Old Mill

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Downpatrick

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Date \_\_19<sup>th</sup> June 2025\_\_

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# Accounts

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Receipts and Payments for Period Ended 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2019				
		Note	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Total 2018 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
	Donations and Legacies	2	1,748.88	2,572.77
	Other Trading Activities	3	49.56	113.75
	Income from Charitable Activities	4	390.00	600.00
	Investment Income	5	15.81	16.50
<b>Total Receipts</b>			2,204.25	3,303.02
<b>Payments</b>				
	Charitable Activities	6	2,557.47	2,233.89
<b>Total Payments</b>			2,557.47	2,233.89
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year before transfers</b>			(353.22)	1,069.13
<b>Transfers</b>				
			-	-
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year</b>			(353.22)	1,069.13

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st August 2019

	2019 £	2018 £
<b>Cash Funds</b>		
Bank Account	£15,959.18	£16,323.22
Cash	10.82	
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>£15,970.00</b>	<b>£16,323.22</b>

On Behalf of the Trustees

Secretary:

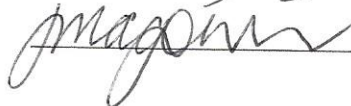
Mr Philip Gallagher



19/2/2020

Treasurer:

Mrs Jayne Magowan



19/2/2020

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2019

1. Accounting policies

Set out below are the principal accounting policies which have been adopted in the compilation of the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities

1.1 Receipts and Payments Account

All items of income and expenditure included within the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

1.2 Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The only assets the charity retains are the balances at bank and cash in hand

1.3 Reconciliation of Cash Funds

	£
Total Cash Funds at Beginning of the year	16,323.22
Receipts for the Year	2,204.25
Payments for the Year	2,557.47
Total Cash Funds at end of the year	15,970.00

1.4 Movement in Fund

	At 1 Sept 2018 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 Aug 2019 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Bank Account	16,323.22	1,889.25	2,253.29	-	15,959.18
Cash	-	315.00	304.18	-	10.82
<b>Total funds</b>	16,323.22	2,204.25	2,557.47	0	15,970.00

1.4 Collections for Third Parties

	2019 £	2018 £
None	-	-
	-	-

2. Donations and Legacies

	£ 2019	£ 2018
Subscriptions	990.00	1,095.00
Gift Aid	263.88	796.77
Grants	495.00	681.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,748.88	2,572.77

3. Other Trading Activities

	£ 2019	£ 2018
Fundraising and Donations	49.56	113.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	49.56	113.75

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 (continued)

4. Income from Charitable Purposes

	£	£
	2019	2018
Outgoings and Camp	390.00	600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>390.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>

5. Investment Income

	£	£
	2019	2018
Bank Interest	15.81	16.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>15.81</u>	<u>16.50</u>

6. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	£	£
	2019	2018
Equipment and Programme Costs	160.12	139.44
Scarves and Badges	44.72	87.27
Rent & Insurance	767.40	267.40
Levies	591.00	706.00
Outgoings and Camp	951.78	728.40
Leaders Training Courses	-	198.00
Donations	-	100.00
Leaving Gifts	37.20	-
Bank Charges	5.25	7.38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>2,557.47</u>	<u>2,233.89</u>

6. Transactions with the Trustees

No trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

7. Governance Costs

No Governance costs were incurred during the year as the independent examiner provided services free.

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# Annual report

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## **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st August 2019**

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for 1st Inch Scout Group for the year ended 31st August 2019

### **Objectives and Activities**

The direct benefit which flows from our purpose is that young people are empowered to make a positive contribution to society through being engaged and supported in their personal development, including physically, intellectually, socially and spiritually. This benefit is demonstrated through Scouting making a positive impact in our communities; preparing young people to be active citizens; embracing and contributing to social change; being as diverse as the communities in which we operate. These are evidenced by feedback from our beneficiaries and the wider community. In addition benefits are demonstrated by getting feedback from young people and parents, using the Plan, Do, Review Model for assessing programmes and events and from time to time independent evaluations of our activities. There is no harm arising from our purposes as Scouting operates within a framework of safety to enable young people to take part in adventurous activities safely. Scouting's beneficiaries are children and young people and the only private benefit from this purpose is that Adult Volunteers are trained to deliver the programme, but this is incidental and necessary because it is needed to operate in today's society working with young people.

### **Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit**

Against a backdrop of limited resources and insecurities over funding, it has continued to be difficult to plan or develop services. Nevertheless the Group, with the aid of sound financial management and the support of its volunteers generated a satisfactory year.

### **Financial Review**

- The principal funding sources for the Group continue to be the Subscriptions, associated gift aid and Grants from the Education Authority.

### **Going Concern**

The trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the The 1st Inch Scout Group can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 2019 can be signed off as a going concern.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

### **Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity**

The 1st Inch Scout Group's governing documents are those of the Scout Association which 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. The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. 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. The Committee consists of three independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parents representation and meets throughout the year

### **Recruitment and Appointment of Committee Members (Trustees)**

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

### **Pay and remuneration**

The Group does not pay or remunerate any Trustee or member of the Committee.

**Organisational Structure**

The governance, strategy, management and administration of The Group is the responsibility of the Group Executive Committee. The Committee meet annually and on any other occasion deemed necessary.

**Compliance with Public Benefit**

The Group has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve The Group's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the statement of receipts and payments and statement of assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.


The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with Income of less than £250,000 requires the trustees to prepare a statement of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Group. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Signed on Behalf of the Trustees**

Chairperson

Mr Ben Bayley

 19/2/2020

Secretary

Mr Philip Gallagher

 19/2/2020

**1st Inch Scout Group**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104116

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# Annual return

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## Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of 1st Inch Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the **1st Inch Scout Group** for the year ended 31 August 2019, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

### Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the Group'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, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Mr Norman Stewart  
15 The Old Mill  
Kilmore  
Downpatrick  
BT30 9NZ

Date

