

1ST Saintfield Scout Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104127

Details

Known as Saintfield Scouts

Status Received

Registered 2015-10-20

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	£8,458	£6,750	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dave		
David Evans		
Jo		
Mr Ryan Evans		

1ST Saintfield Scout Group

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Accounts

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025	
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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					
Annual subscriptions	5,678	-	-	5,678	7,785
Bank interest	19	-	-	19	18
Parental contributions	598	-	-	598	4,177
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
Sales of uniforms	164	-	-	164	252
EA Grant	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,981
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	8,458	-	-	8,458	15,212
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,458	-	-	8,458	15,212
A3 Payments					
Capitation fees	2,275	-	-	2,275	3,595
Bank fees	40	-	-	40	57
Uniforms, badges etc	93	-	-	93	1,020
Equipment	1,283	-	-	1,283	2,647
Rent of hall	400	-	-	400	400
Activities	1,380	-	-	1,380	4,132
Administration	519	-	-	519	394
Transfer to District re Explorers	760	-	-	760	360
Refunds to parents	-	-	-	-	193
A3 Sub total	6,750	-	-	6,750	12,797
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,750	-	-	6,750	12,797
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,708	-	-	1,708	2,416
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,809	-	-	15,809	13,393
Cash funds this year end	17,517	-	-	17,517	15,809

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	Danske Bank account	17,517	-	-	17,517	15,809
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	17,517	-	-	17,517	15,809
	(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
 J M Burridge
 D J Rose

Date of approval
 06/04/2025
 06/04/2025

1ST Saintfield Scout Group

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Accounts

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024	
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Annual subscriptions	7,785	-	-	7,785	7,254
Bank interest	18	-	-	18	16
Parental contributions	4,177	-	-	4,177	2,796
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	15
Sales of uniforms	252	-	-	252	148
EA Grant	2,981	-	-	2,981	1,800
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	15,212	-	-	15,212	12,028
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	15,212	-	-	15,212	12,028
A3 Payments					
Capitation fees	3,595	-	-	3,595	3,306
Bank fees	57	-	-	57	44
Uniforms, badges etc	1,020	-	-	1,020	706
Equipment	2,647	-	-	2,647	2,846
Rent of hall	400	-	-	400	300
Activities	4,132	-	-	4,132	3,717
Administration	394	-	-	394	770
Transfer to District re Explorers	360	-	-	360	335
Refunds to parents	193	-	-	193	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	12,797	-	-	12,797	12,025
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	12,797	-	-	12,797	12,025
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,416	-	-	2,416	4
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,394	-	-	13,394	13,390
Cash funds this year end	15,809	-	-	15,809	13,394

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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			-	-	-	-
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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


Date of approval


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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 Saintfield 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

Saintfield Parish Church

Main Street

Saintfield

Postcode

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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 Evans	Chairperson	
2	Jo Burrige	Treasurer/GSL	
3	Dave Rose	Trustee	
4	Ryan Evans	Trustee	
5	Matt Mitchell	Trustee	
6	Brendan Burns	Trustee	
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15			

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

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

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:

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.

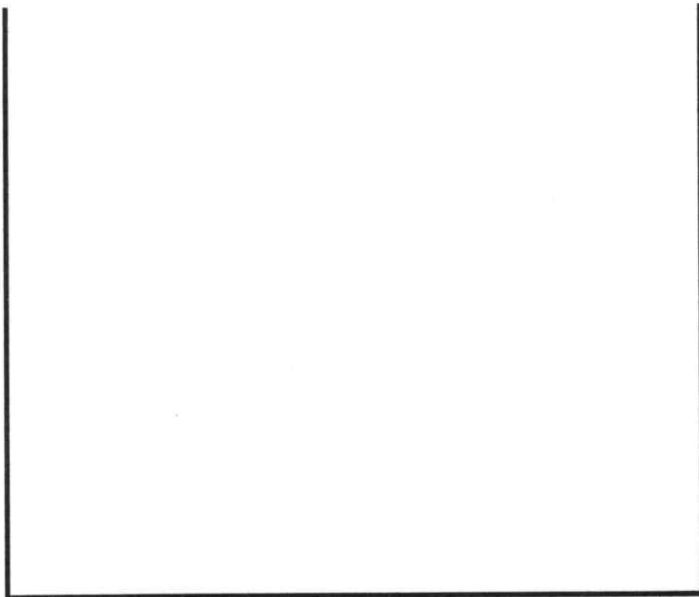
Policies and procedures adopted for:

a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 4 Trustees (including 2 Ex Officio Trustees, and 2 co-opted Trustees) and meets every 12 months.

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)

Risk and Internal Control

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:

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 Board 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 4 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

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
<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<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: 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects</p>	<p>The Group follows a balanced high quality programme on a weekly basis providing young people an environment which combines learning and fun activities. This programme allows the young people to develop their personal and team skills in a safe environment. The Group participates in a number of outdoor activities including camping, karting and climbing.</p>

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

The Group has remained active within the community and has carried out a number of activities throughout the year which benefit both the community and the young people within the Scout Group. The Group remains committed to providing the best environment for the children to grow and develop as Scouts. The Group has worked with the local community as part of their Scout programme - across all sections. The Group remains committed to promoting Scouting within the Saintfield catchment area.

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 has considered the apportionment of funds as noted in the Board's annual report read out at the AGM.

Quantify and explain any designations

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

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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</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 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.</p>

Section F Other Optional Information

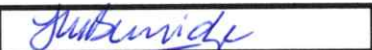
Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

<p>The Group remains committed to carrying out a number of planned fundraising activities in the year ahead. We intend to engage fully with parents/guardians for their support and assistance. The Group remains committed to growing the membership in order to facilitate the local community</p>
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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)		
Full name(s)	J Burrige	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Treasurer / GSL	
Date	0 3 0 5 2 4	

1ST Saintfield Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104127

Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the charity trustees of 1st Saintfield Scout Group

I report on the accounts of 1st Saintfield Scout Group (registered charity number NIC 104127) 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.

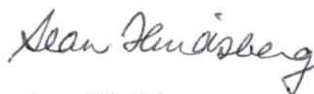
My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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.

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.

Signed:



Name:

Sean Hindsberg

Date:

25th August 2024

1ST Saintfield Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104127

Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	31/03/2022	To	31/03/2023
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Annual subscriptions	7,254	-	-	7,254	6,800
Bank interest	16	-	-	16	15
Parental contributions	2,796	-	-	2,796	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	15	-	-	15	-
Sales of uniforms	148	-	-	148	95
EA Grant	1,800	-	-	1,800	2,800
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	12,028	-	-	12,028	9,710
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,028	-	-	12,028	9,710
A3 Payments					
Capitation fees	3,306	-	-	3,306	2,890
Bank fees	44	-	-	44	73
Uniforms, badges etc	706	-	-	706	765
Equipment	2,846	-	-	2,846	3,679
Rent of hall	300	-	-	300	300
Activities	3,717	-	-	3,717	427
Administration	770	-	-	770	70
Transfer to District re Explorers	335	-	-	335	510
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	12,025	-	-	12,025	8,714
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	12,025	-	-	12,025	8,714
Net of receipts/(payments)	4	-	-	4	996
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,388	-	-	13,388	12,392
Cash funds this year end	13,392	-	-	13,392	13,388

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	Danske Bank account	13,392	-	-	13,392	13,388
			-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,392	-	-	13,392	13,388
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

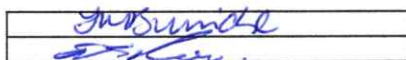
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

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
 JO BOLLING
 JOY ROSE

Date of approval
 22/04/23
 22/14/23

1ST Saintfield Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104127

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 Saintfield 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

Saintfield Parish Church							
Main Street							
Saintfield							
Postcode	B	T	2	4	7	A	B

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	David Evans	Chairperson	
2	Jo Burrige	Treasurer / Group	
3	Dave Rose	Secretary	
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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

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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 12 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. 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

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**

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

The Group follow a balanced high quality programme on a weekly basis providing the children an environment which combines learning and fun activities. This programme allows the children to develop their personal and team skills in a safe environment. The Group participates in a number of outdoor activities including climbing, karting and camping.

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.

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

The Group has remained active within the community and has carried out a number of activities throughout the year which benefit the members of the Group. The Group remains committed to providing the best environment for the children to grow and develop as Scouts. The Group has worked with the local community in various projects including environmental conservation as part of their Scout programme - this is across all three sections. The Group has participated in local community activities representing the Scout Association. The Group remains committed to promoting Scouting within the Saintfield catchment area.

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.

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:

Investment Policy

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); 	<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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; 	<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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> investment policy and objectives 	

Section F Other Optional Information

<p>Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)</p>	<p>The Group remains committed to carrying out a number of planned fundraising activities in the year ahead. We intend to engage fully with parents for their support and assistance.</p> <p>The Group remains committed to growing the membership in order to facilitate the local community expansion.</p>
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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)	
Full name(s)	J Burridge
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair)	Group Scout Leader
Date	0 2 0 4 2 3

1ST Saintfield Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104127

Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the charity trustees of 1st Saintfield Scout Group

I report on the accounts of 1st Saintfield Scout Group (registered charity number NIC 104127) for the year ended 31st March 2023.

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.

Signed: 

Name: Sean Hindsberg

Date: 27th August 2023