

4th East Belfast Scout Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104150

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-11-25
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	53 Kings Road Belfast BT5 6jh BT5 6JH
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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: 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
2025-08-31	£51,179	£51,368	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adrian		
Ann Watt		
Mr Cliff Mcloughlin		
Mr Colin Mounstephen		
Mr Dawson Mcconkey		
Mr John Reed		
Mr Malcolm Kerry		
Mr Paul Brown		
Mrs Emma Ross		

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4th East Belfast Scout Group

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 August 2025

4TH EAST BELFAST SCOUT GROUP

Statement of financial activities

Year ended 31 August 2025

All funds are unrestricted

Income

		2025	2024
	Note	£	£
Boy Beavers	1	2,745.50	2,825.00
Girl Beavers	2	1,516.75	1,720.00
Boy Cubs	3	9,653.50	11,019.50
Girl Cubs	4	4,150.00	5,767.50
Boy Scouts	5	19,973.00	16,275.00
Girl Scouts	6	10,175.25	7,889.75
Explorer Scouts	7	2,153.75	1,441.50
Group	8	811.28	693.02
Total income		51,179.03	47,631.27

Expenditure

Boy Beavers	1	(2,672.15)	(1,867.06)
Girl Beavers	2	(1,382.64)	(1,606.66)
Boy Cubs	3	(10,004.83)	(10,088.05)
Girl Cubs	4	(4,104.26)	(4,788.18)
Boy Scouts	5	(22,556.62)	(14,351.37)
Girl Scouts	6	(7,648.33)	(5,854.83)
Explorer Scouts	7	(1,756.48)	(1,180.15)
Group	8	(1,243.29)	(579.56)
Total expenditure		(51,368.60)	(40,315.86)
Net movement in funds		(189.57)	7,315.41

Reconciliation of funds

Total funds brought forward	37,337.05	30,021.64
Total funds carried forward	37,147.48	37,337.05

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Statement of assets and liabilities

Balance as at 1 September 2024

	£
Boy Beavers	4,455.21
Girl Beavers	2,779.74
Boy Cubs	2,444.81
Girl Cubs	3,899.25
Boy Scouts	12,710.63
Girl Scouts	5,977.67
Explorer Scouts	4,678.74
Group	391.00
Total balance as at 1 September 2024	<u>37,337.05</u>

Net movement in funds

	£
Boy Beavers	73.35
Girl Beavers	134.11
Boy Cubs	(351.33)
Girl Cubs	45.74
Boy Scouts	(2,583.62)
Girl Scouts	2,526.92
Explorer Scouts	397.27
Group	(432.01)
Total net movement in funds	<u>(189.57)</u>

Balance as at 31 August 2025

	£
Boy Beavers	4,528.56
Girl Beavers	2,913.85
Boy Cubs	2,093.48
Girl Cubs	3,944.99
Boy Scouts	10,127.01
Girl Scouts	8,504.59
Explorer Scouts	5,076.01
Group	(41.01)
Total balance as at 31 August 2025	<u>37,147.48</u>

Closing balance of £37,147.48 at 31 August 2025 is represented by cash in bank.

Other assets at 31 August 2025:

Camping equipment

Other liabilities at 31 August 2025:

None

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Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 31 August 2025

1 Boy Beavers

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income		
Annual subscriptions	2,215.00	2,310.00
Gift aid	497.50	505.00
Camp fees	-	-
Other income	33.00	10.00
Donations	-	-
Bank interest	-	-
Tuck shop income	-	-
Total income	2,745.50	2,825.00
Expenditure		
Activities	(547.53)	(331.38)
Camp costs	-	-
Capitation fees	(1,317.50)	(1,012.50)
Other expenses	(807.12)	(523.18)
Training	-	-
Bank fees	-	-
Equipment	-	-
Tuck shop supplies	-	-
Insurance	-	-
Total expenditure	(2,672.15)	(1,867.06)
Net movement in funds	73.35	957.94

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Notes to the financial statements (*continued*)

Year ended 31 August 2025

2 Girl Beavers

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income		
Annual subscriptions	1,305.00	1,400.00
Gift aid	206.25	315.00
Camp fees	-	-
Other income	5.50	5.00
Donations	-	-
Bank interest	-	-
Tuck shop income	-	-
Total income	1,516.75	1,720.00
Expenditure		
Activities	(460.74)	(601.51)
Camp costs	-	-
Capitation fees	(680.00)	(750.00)
Other expenses	(241.90)	(255.15)
Training	-	-
Bank fees	-	-
Equipment	-	-
Tuck shop supplies	-	-
Insurance	-	-
Total expenditure	(1,382.64)	(1,606.66)
Net movement in funds	134.11	113.34

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Notes to the financial statements (*continued*)

Year ended 31 August 2025

3 Boy Cubs

	2025	2024
Income	£	£
Annual subscriptions	5,060.00	4,800.00
Gift aid	1,025.00	1,275.00
Camp fees	3,290.00	4,660.00
Other income	278.50	284.50
Donations	-	-
Bank interest	-	-
Tuck shop income	-	-
Total income	9,653.50	11,019.50
Expenditure		
Activities	(1,234.42)	(1,059.02)
Camp costs	(4,528.99)	(5,683.54)
Capitation fees	(2,465.00)	(2,062.50)
Other expenses	(1,693.72)	(1,237.00)
Training	-	-
Bank fees	-	-
Equipment	(82.70)	(45.99)
Tuck shop supplies	-	-
Insurance	-	-
Total expenditure	(10,004.83)	(10,088.05)
Net movement in funds	(351.33)	931.45

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Notes to the financial statements (*continued*)

Year ended 31 August 2025

4 Girl Cubs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income		
Annual subscriptions	2,400.00	2,700.00
Gift aid	375.00	637.50
Camp fees	1,360.00	2,400.00
Other income	15.00	30.00
Donations	-	-
Bank interest	-	-
Tuck shop income	-	-
Total income	4,150.00	5,767.50
Expenditure		
Activities	(730.56)	(598.41)
Camp costs	(1,362.03)	(2,204.09)
Capitation fees	(1,360.00)	(1,350.00)
Other expenses	(637.84)	(635.68)
Training	-	-
Bank fees	-	-
Equipment	(13.83)	-
Tuck shop supplies	-	-
Insurance	-	-
Total expenditure	(4,104.26)	(4,788.18)
Net movement in funds	45.74	979.32

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2025

5 Boy Scouts

	2025	2024
Income	£	£
Annual subscriptions	4,510.00	4,800.00
Gift aid	1,022.50	1,162.50
Camp fees	9,675.00	5,550.00
Other income	3,566.00	3,720.00
Donations	-	-
Bank interest	-	-
Tuck shop income	1,199.50	1,042.50
Total income	19,973.00	16,275.00
Expenditure		
Activities	(3,017.78)	(2,892.21)
Camp costs	(12,388.55)	(6,207.15)
Capitation fees	(2,252.50)	(2,400.00)
Other expenses	(2,144.22)	(1,215.21)
Training	-	-
Bank fees	-	-
Equipment	(1,587.94)	(717.57)
Tuck shop supplies	(1,165.63)	(919.23)
Insurance	-	-
Total expenditure	(22,556.62)	(14,351.37)
Net movement in funds	(2,583.62)	1,923.63

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2025

6 Girl Scouts

	2025	2024
Income	£	£
Annual subscriptions	3,985.00	3,260.00
Gift aid	921.25	431.25
Camp fees	4,385.00	3,245.00
Other income	884.00	953.50
Donations	-	-
Bank interest	-	-
Tuck shop income	-	-
Total income	10,175.25	7,889.75
Expenditure		
Activities	(376.59)	(956.23)
Camp costs	(3,934.95)	(2,716.92)
Capitation fees	(2,295.00)	(1,462.50)
Other expenses	(1,041.79)	(703.72)
Training	-	-
Bank fees	-	-
Equipment	-	(15.46)
Tuck shop supplies	-	-
Insurance	-	-
Total expenditure	(7,648.33)	(5,854.83)
Net movement in funds	2,526.92	2,034.92

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2025

7 Explorer Scouts

	2025	2024
Income	£	£
Annual subscriptions	1,425.00	1,050.00
Gift aid	168.75	17.50
Camp fees	560.00	-
Other income	-	374.00
Donations	-	-
Bank interest	-	-
Tuck shop income	-	-
Total income	2,153.75	1,441.50
Expenditure		
Activities	(343.00)	(617.65)
Camp costs	(560.00)	-
Capitation fees	(765.00)	(562.50)
Other expenses	(88.48)	-
Training	-	-
Bank fees	-	-
Equipment	-	-
Tuck shop supplies	-	-
Insurance	-	-
Total expenditure	(1,756.48)	(1,180.15)
Net movement in funds	397.27	261.35

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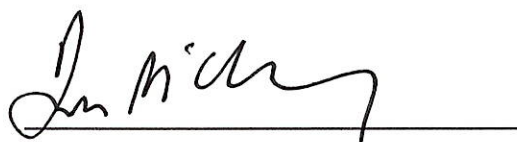
Notes to the financial statements (*continued*)

Year ended 31 August 2025

8 Group

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income		
Annual subscriptions	-	-
Gift aid	-	-
Camp fees	-	-
Other income	352.00	693.02
Donations	65.00	-
Bank interest	394.28	-
Tuck shop income	-	-
Total income	811.28	693.02
Expenditure		
Activities	-	-
Camp costs	-	-
Capitation fees	-	-
Other expenses	(946.03)	(327.63)
Training	-	-
Bank fees	(24.41)	-
Equipment	-	-
Tuck shop supplies	-	-
Insurance	(272.85)	(251.93)
Total expenditure	(1,243.29)	(579.56)
Net movement in funds	(432.01)	113.46

Approved by the Trustees on 24th March 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Dawson McConkey
Chairman



John Reed
Treasurer

Accounts

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Statement of Receipts and Payments

Year ended 31 August 2024

All funds were unrestricted

	£	£ totals	Notes
Receipts			
Boy Beavers	2825.00		1
Girl Beavers	1720.00		2
Boy Cubs	11019.50		3
Girl Cubs	5767.50		4
Boy Scouts	16275.00		5
Girl Scouts	7889.75		6
Explorer Scouts	1441.50		7
Group	693.02	47631.27	8
Payments			
Boy Beavers	1867.06		1
Girl Beavers	1606.66		2
Boy Cubs	10088.05		3
Girl Cubs	4788.18		4
Boy Scouts	14351.37		5
Girl Scouts	5854.83		6
Explorer Scouts	1180.15		7
Group	579.56	40315.86	8
Surplus / (Deficit)		7315.41	

Assets and liabilities statement
Balance at 1 September 2023

	£	£ totals	Notes
Boy Beavers	3497.27		1
Girl Beavers	2666.40		2
Boy Cubs	1513.36		3
Girl Cubs	2919.93		4
Boy Scouts	10787.00		5
Girl Scouts	3942.75		6
Explorer Scouts	4417.39		7
Group	277.54	30021.64	8

Surplus / (Deficit) in year

	£	£ totals	Notes
Boy Beavers	957.94		1
Girl Beavers	113.34		2
Boy Cubs	931.45		3
Girl Cubs	979.32		4
Boy Scouts	1923.63		5
Girl Scouts	2034.92		6
Explorer Scouts	261.35		7
Group	113.46	7315.41	8

Balances at 31 August 2024

	£	£ totals	Notes
Boy Beavers	4455.21		1
Girl Beavers	2779.74		2
Boy Cubs	2444.81		3
Girl Cubs	3899.25		4
Boy Scouts	12710.63		5
Girl Scouts	5977.67		6
Explorer Scouts	4678.74		7
Group	391.00	37337.05	8

Closing balance of £37,337 at 31 August 2024 is represented by cash balance at bank

Other assets at 31 August 2024

Camping equipment

Liabilities at 31 August 2024

None

Note 1**Boy Beavers**

Receipts	£	£ totals
Annual subscriptions	2310.00	
Gift aid	505.00	
Other income	10.00	
		2825.00

Payments

Activities	331.38	
Capitation fees	1012.50	
Other expenses	523.18	
		1867.06

Surplus / (Deficit)	957.94
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Note 2**Girl Beavers**

Receipts	£	£ totals
Annual subscriptions	1400.00	
Gift aid	315.00	
Other income	5.00	
		1720.00

Payments

Activities	601.51	
Capitation fees	750.00	
Other expenses	255.15	
		1606.66

Surplus / (Deficit)	113.34
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Note 3
Boy Cubs

Receipts	£	£ totals
Annual subscriptions	4800.00	
Gift aid	1275.00	
Other income	284.50	
Camp fees	4660.00	
		11019.50

Payments		
Activities	1059.02	
Capitation fees	2062.50	
Camp costs	5683.54	
Other expenses	1237.00	
Equipment etc	45.99	
		10088.05

Surplus / (Deficit) 931.45

Note 4
Girl Cubs

Receipts	£	£ totals
Annual subscriptions	2700.00	
Gift aid	637.50	
Other income	30.00	
Camp fees	2400.00	
		5767.50

Payments		
Activities	598.41	
Capitation fees	1350.00	
Other expenses	635.68	
Camp costs	2204.09	
		4788.18

Surplus / (Deficit) 979.32

Note 5
Boy Scouts

Receipts	£	£ totals
Annual subscriptions	4800.00	
Gift aid	1162.50	
Other income	3720.00	
Camp fees	5550.00	
Tuck shop income	1042.50	16275.00

Payments		
Activities	2892.21	
Capitation fees	2400.00	
Camp costs	6207.15	
Tuck shop supplies	919.23	
Other expenses	1215.21	
Equipment etc	717.57	
		14351.37

Surplus / (Deficit) 1923.63

Note 6
Girl Scouts

Receipts	£	£ totals
Annual subscriptions	3260.00	
Gift aid	431.25	
Camp fees	3245.00	
Other income	953.50	
		7889.75

Payments		
Activities	956.23	
Capitation fees	1462.50	
Camp costs	2716.92	
Other expenses	703.72	
Equipment etc	15.46	
		5854.83

Surplus / (Deficit) 2034.92

Note 7**Explorer Scouts**

Receipts	£	£ totals
Annual subscriptions	1050.00	
Gift aid	17.50	
Other income	374.00	
		1441.50

Payments

Activities	617.65	
Capitation fees	562.50	
		1180.15

Surplus / (Deficit) 261.35

Note 8**Group**

Receipts	£	£ totals
Other income	693.02	693.02

Payments

Other expenses	327.63	
Insurance	251.93	579.56

Surplus / (Deficit) 113.46

Approved by the trustees on 27/01/25 and signed on their behalf by:



Paul Brown
(Acting) Chairman



Lesley Wilson
Treasurer

4th East Belfast Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104150

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

4th East Belfast Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1 0 4 1 5 0

HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

53 Kings Road

Belfast

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Mr Gareth McAuley	Boy Cub Leader	
2	Mrs Helen McConkey	Girl Beaver Leader	
3	Ms Louise Scott	Girl Cub Leader	
4	Mr Paul Brown	Sponsor Representative and Chairperson	
5	Mrs Denise Wilson	Girl Scout Leader	
6	Mr Iain Hall	Boy Scout Leader	
7	Mr Bill Ashe	Group Scout Leader	
8	Mrs Lesley Wilson	Treasurer	
9	Mrs Ann Watt	Secretary	

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

(eg trust deed, constitution)

The Group's governing documents are those of 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 (eg trust, association, company)

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

Trustee selection methods

(eg appointed by, elected by)

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

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

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

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Policies and procedures adopted for:

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

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, namely, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders and parent's representation and meets every 4 months.

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.

Section B

Structure, governance and management (continued)

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:

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

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.

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.

Section C	Objectives and activities (continued)
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	This year the Group sections delivered Scouting programmes across the following sections: Girl Beavers Girl Cubs Girl Scouts Boy Beavers Boy Cubs Boy Scouts Explorer Scouts The programmes included a variety of educational elements which promoted the values of Scouting and embraced the Scouting method.

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.

The Group applied to the Education Authority for non-generic/non targeted grant for Boy Scouts. The Scout leader applies for funding on behalf of the Group to the Education Authority and return forms to be signed off by Treasurer and Chairperson. The sponsor applies for EA and Belfast City council grants that additionally support the other sections.

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.

The Group's Executive Committee as trustees have read the Charity Commission's Public Benefit Requirements statutory guidance.

Section D	Achievements and performance
Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	The Group can claim a wide variety of achievements as a direct outworking of the Scouting programme across the 7 sections. Examples include: • Attainment of a wide selection of badges within the group of 1481 across the 6 sections. There are currently 45 young people in the Duke of Edinburgh Award, with 10 completing their silver expedition in 2024. • Delivery of camp skills, sponsor walks, sporteering, athletics, games, sports tournaments, arts and craft sessions, wide games, tent pitching, off site trips and canoeing across the 7 sections. • Progression of members to higher sections within the Group and attracting new members from within the community with over 280 young people across the sections. • Over 140 at residential camps throughout the year locally in Crawfordsburn, the Moumes and Ireland.

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	The Group held reserves of approximately £37,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None
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	Primary Sources of Income Income is derived primarily from individual member subscriptions and Gift Aid. Expenditure has been primarily undertaken to underpin and facilitate the delivery of the Scout programmes across the Group's sections. Investment Policy 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. Restricted funds All funds are unrestricted, with the exception of EA grants which must be used for the purposes under which they are granted. Account codes are used to informally separate funds between different sections within the Group, and types of income and expenditure.

Section F

Other Optional Information

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

The 4th group sections will be relocated to new premises during the Knock Presbyterian rebuilding project, which started in September 24 and is due to complete in 18 months.

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)

Paul Brown

Lesley Wilson

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chairperson

Treasurer (FY23/24)

Date

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4th East Belfast Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104150

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of 4th Belfast Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

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.



Name: Iain Hamill

Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW (ACA)

Address: 4 Kensington Gardens, Belfast, BT5 6NP

Date: 28 JANUARY 2025

Accounts

4th Belfast Scout Group

Statement of Receipts and Payments

Year ended 31 August 2023

All funds were unrestricted

	£	£ totals	Notes
Receipts			
Boy Beavers	2,585		1
Girl Beavers	3,032		2
Boy Cubs	10,640		3
Girl Cubs	4,545		4
Boy Scouts	19,933		5
Girl Scouts	5,201		6
Explorer Scouts	1,400		7
Group	168	47,504	8
Payments			
Boy Beavers	2,661		1
Girl Beavers	2,208		2
Boy Cubs	9,759		3
Girl Cubs	4,205		4
Boy Scouts	22,960		5
Girl Scouts	4,935		6
Explorer Scouts	852		7
Group	951	48,531	8
Surplus / (Deficit)		-1,027	

Assets and liabilities statement

Balance at 1 September 2022

	£	£ totals	Notes
Boy Beavers	3,573		1
Girl Beavers	1,843		2
Boy Cubs	632		3
Girl Cubs	2,580		4
Boy Scouts	13,814		5
Girl Scouts	3,677		6
Explorer Scouts	3,869		7
Group	1,061	31,049	8
Surplus / (Deficit) in year			
Boy Beavers	-76		1
Girl Beavers	824		2
Boy Cubs	882		3
Girl Cubs	340		4
Boy Scouts	-3,027		5
Girl Scouts	266		6
Explorer Scouts	548		7
Group	-783	-1,027	8

Balances at 31 August 2023

	£	£ totals	Notes
Boy Beavers	3,497		1
Girl Beavers	2,666		2
Boy Cubs	1,513		3
Girl Cubs	2,920		4
Boy Scouts	10,787		5
Girl Scouts	3,943		6
Explorer Scouts	4,417		7
Group	278	30,022	8

Closing balance of £30,022 at 31 August 2023 is represented by cash balance at bank

Other assets at 31 August 2023

Camping equipment

Liabilities at 31 August 2023

None

Note 1 Boy Beavers

Receipts	£	£ totals
Annual subscriptions	2,350	
Gift aid	235	
		2,585
Payments		
Activities	922	
Capitation fees	1,278	
Other expenses	461	
		2,661
Surplus / (Deficit)		-76

Note 2
Girl Beavers

Receipts	£	£ totals
Annual subscriptions	2,450	
Gift aid	560	
Other income	22	
		3,032
Payments		
Activities	479	
Capitation fees	1,243	
Other expenses	487	
		2,208
Surplus / (Deficit)		824

Note 3
Boy Cubs

Receipts	£	£ totals
Annual subscriptions	5,025	
Gift aid	1,069	
Other income	1,357	
Camp fees	3,190	
		10,640
Payments		
Activities	1,093	
Capitation fees	2,379	
Camp costs	2,381	
Other expenses	3,083	
Equipment etc	823	
		9,759
Surplus / (Deficit)		882

Note 4
Girl Cubs

Receipts	£	£ totals
Annual subscriptions	2,280	
Gift aid	360	
Other income	15	
Camp fees	1,890	
		4,545
Payments		
Activities	420	
Capitation fees	1,136	
Other expenses	519	
Camp costs	2,131	
		4,205
Surplus / (Deficit)		340

Note 5
Boy Scouts

Receipts	£	£ totals
Annual subscriptions	6,570	
Gift aid	1,403	
Other income	5,522	
Camp fees	5,250	
Tuck shop income	1,188	
		19,933
Payments		
Activities	5,112	
Capitation fees	3,302	
Camp costs	9,133	
Tuck shop supplies	804	
Other expenses	3,167	
Equipment etc	1,442	
		22,960
Surplus / (Deficit)		-3,027

Note 6
Girl Scouts

Receipts	£	£ totals
Annual subscriptions	2,260	
Gift aid	240	
Camp fees	2,565	
Other income	136	
		5,201
 Payments		
Activities	656	
Capitation fees	994	
Camp costs	2,382	
Other expenses	904	
		4,935
 Surplus / (Deficit)		266

Note 7
Explorer Scouts

Receipts	£	£ totals
Annual subscriptions	1,400	
		1,400
 Payments		
Activities	142	
Capitation fees	710	
		852
 Surplus / (Deficit)		548

**Note 8
Group**

Receipts	£	£ totals
Other income	168	168
Payments		
Other expenses	611	
Insurance	340	951
Surplus / (Deficit)		-783

Approved by the trustees on 20 March 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Paul Brown
(Acting) Chairman



Lesley Wilson
Treasurer

4th East Belfast Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104150

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

4th East Belfast Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1 0 4 1 5 0

HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

53 Kings Road

Belfast

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Mr Gareth McAuley	Boy Cub Leader	
2	Miss Hannah McKnight	Explorer Scout Leader	
3	Mrs Helen McConkey	Girl Beaver Leader	
4	Ms Louise Scott	Girl Cub Leader	
5	Mr Paul Brown	Sponsor Representative and Chairperson	
6	Mrs Denise Wilson	Girl Scout Leader	1 Nov 22 to 31 Aug 23
7	Mr Iain Hall	Boy Scout Leader	
8	Mrs Jill Ashenhurst	Boy Beaver Leader	
9	Mr Bill Ashe	Group Scout Leader	
10	Mrs Lesley Wilson	Treasurer	
11	Mrs Ann Watt	Secretary	

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

(eg trust deed, constitution)

The Group's governing documents are those of 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 (eg trust, association, company)

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

Trustee selection methods

(eg appointed by, elected by)

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

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

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

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Policies and procedures adopted for:

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

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, namely, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders and parent's representation and meets every 4 months.

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.

Section B

Structure, governance and management (continued)

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:

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

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.

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.

Section C	Objectives and activities (continued)
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	This year the Group sections delivered Scouting programmes across the following sections: Girl Beavers Girl Cubs Girl Scouts Boy Beavers Boy Cubs Boy Scouts Explorer Scouts The programmes included a variety of educational elements which promoted the values of Scouting and embraced the Scouting method.

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.

The Group applied to the Education Authority for non-generic/non targeted grant for Boy Scouts. The Scout leader applies for funding on behalf of the Group and EA return forms to be signed off by Treasurer and Chairperson. The sponsor applies for EA and Belfast City council grants that additionally support the other sections.

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.

The Group's Executive Committee as trustees have read the Charity Commission's Public Benefit Requirements statutory guidance.

Section D	Achievements and performance
Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	The Group can claim a wide variety of achievements as a direct outworking of the Scouting programme across the 7 sections. Examples include: • Attainment of a wide selection of badges, including running a Duke of Edinburgh Award Silver and Gold expedition for 22 young people in August 2023. • Delivery of camp skills, sponsor walks, sporteering, athletics, games, sports tournaments, arts and craft sessions, wide games, tent pitching, off site trips and canoeing across the 7 sections. • Progression of members to higher sections within the Group and attracting new members from within the community with over 300 young people across the sections. • Over 80 at residential camps throughout the year locally in Crawfordsburn and in the Lake District for Boy Scout summer camp.

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

The Group held reserves of approximately £30,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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

Primary Sources of Income

Income is derived primarily from individual member subscriptions and Gift Aid.

Expenditure has been primarily undertaken to underpin and facilitate the delivery of the Scout programmes across the Group's sections.

Investment Policy

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.

Restricted funds

All funds are unrestricted. Account codes are used to informally separate funds between different sections within the Group, and types of income and expenditure.

Section F

Other Optional Information

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

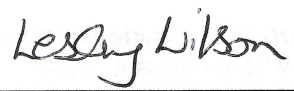
Section G

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)

Paul Brown	Lesley Wilson
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chairperson	Treasurer (FY22/23)
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Date

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4th East Belfast Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104150

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of 4th Belfast Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

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.

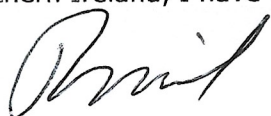
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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.



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Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW (ACA)

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Date:

21/03/24