

51stBelfast Scout Group (Orangefield)

**Registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland –
Charity no. 104162**

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended March 2023**ADDRESS**

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TRUSTEES and MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE at March 2023

Matthew Lambe (Chairman)

Mr Daniel Kinnear

Dr Jonathan Kinnear

Mr Peter Gordon

The Trustees have studied the N.I. Charity Commission's statutory guidance on the Public benefit requirement and consider that they have complied with it in full. The Group has put in place measures and training to be GDPR compliant.

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The 51st Belfast Scout Group is part of the Scout Association (UK) and Scouts NI. Its membership includes Young People aged four to 18, living in the wider Orangefield area.

51st Belfast Scouts is managed in accordance with its constitution by members of its management committee. The management committee met 1 time during the year.

Squirrels Leaders: Joanne Brown, Matthew Twigg, Peter Gordon

Beavers Leaders: Ellen Kinnear, Isaac Anderson

Cubs Leaders: Daniel Kinnear, Harry Gregg, Emily Gregg

Scouts Leaders: Jonathan Kinnear, Matthew Lambe, Max Anderson

Explorers Leaders: Michael Croft, Philip Patterson

Group Scout Leader: Matthew Lambe (Chairman)

Assistant Group Scout Leader: Jonathan Kinnear (Acting Treasurer)

PURPOSES

The Group is established to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

GROUP MEMBERSHIP

As per census 31 January 2023:

Squirrels Male	9
Squirrels Female	1

Beavers Male	16
Beavers Female	0
Cubs Male	18
Cubs Female	2
Scouts Male	16
Scouts Female	11
Explorers Male	11
Explorers Female	6

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income for the year was £10500.39. Expenses totalled £6752.48. Our final bank balance was £4275.20. The dramatic increase in income was due to the Education Authority Grant we received, of £3000. We were unable to spend all of it during the Grant window, and the refund will be displayed in the following years accounts.

Our Group has grown back to its pre-Covid membership numbers, currently at 90 Young People.

The Squirrels have become an official member section of the Scout Association and the separate account was closed and the funds were transferred to the 51st Scout Group account.

They took part in the Feel Good, Exciting Experiments, Go Wild and Super Chef activity badges. The section also received a visit from the Guide Dogs for the Blind. As well as the older sections, they were able to take part in the Ardnaval walk which raised about £500 across the Group.

2 of the Scout Leaders ran the Belfast Marathon as a fundraiser for our Group and raised over £400. Since it was also the year of the Queens Jubilee, we held an end of year BBQ for the whole Group, including parents to join. There were also badges produced for the Kings Coronation. One of the Explorer Scouts was even selected to attend the Kings Coronation!

The Scout Summer camp was to Crawfordsburn Scout Centre and involved green field camping and day hikes to the Ulster Folk and Transport museum, as well as several activity sessions on site.

One of our Explorer Scouts was given the opportunity to attend the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea, being the first from our Group to ever do so! Despite the terrible weather and bad publicity, she reported that it was a fantastic experience!

The Explorer numbers have shot up and currently stands at the most members of the Explorer section that we've ever had. The International and Athletics badges have been the focus.



Matthew Lambe

Group Scout Leader and Chairman



Jonathan Kinnear

Assistant Group Scout Leader and Acting Treasurer



Peter Gordon

Scout Leader



Daniel Kinnear

Cub Scout Leader