

51st Belfast Scout Group (Orangefield)
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended March 2024

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TRUSTEES and MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE at March 2024

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 2024:

Squirrels Male	4
Squirrels Female	2
Beavers Male	14
Beavers Female	2
Cubs Male	16
Cubs Female	1
Scouts Male	22
Scouts Female	5
Explorers Male	14
Explorers Female	6

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income for the year was £10178.68. Expenses totalled £9722.06. Our final bank balance was £4731.82. The dramatic increase in income was due to the Education Authority Grant we received, of £2600. This grant has allowed us to increase our stock of tents, which has enabled our Young People to camp, where previously we wouldn't have had enough space for everyone. Badge expenditure has increased significantly as our Young People have been earning badges in accordance with Programmes that took a bit of time to start back up post lockdowns.

Fundraising activities have raised nearly £900 last year, and this has helped us keep fees to a minimum, as we seek to avoid extra pressures in a high cost of living situation we all find ourselves in.

Membership

Squirrels 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 Ardnavalley walk which raised about £500 across the Group.

Cubs engaged in climbing, District hockey competitions and a visit to the Newtownards airfield.

Scouts have been working on the various Challenge badges as they work towards the Chief Scout Gold award. This is the highest achievement within the Scout Section. As part of the Adventure challenge, they also participated in Climbing and First Aid learning. Summer Camp this year will be a trip to an activity centre on the Isle of Man, with various fundraising activities taking place until June 2024.

Explorers have seen a dramatic increase in membership numbers over the past couple of years, now numbering 20. They took part in the Scouts NI Survival Skills weekend, involving camping under tarps. A Halloween fancy dress party and airsoft and a Secret Santa concluded the year. The Athletics badge together with global issues have been the focus of the start of 2024.

Excitingly, there are 9 Young Leaders helping out with each of the junior Sections and there Explorer Scouts are developing their Leadership skills to become the future Leaders in our Group.

Matthew Lambe

Group Scout Leader and Chairman



Jonathan Kinnear

Assistant Group Scout Leader and Acting Treasurer



Peter Gordon

Assistant Squirrel Leader



Daniel Kinnear

Cub Scout Leader

