

**51<sup>st</sup> Belfast Scout Group (Orangefield)**

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

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended March 2025****ADDRESS**

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**TRUSTEES and MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE at March 2025**

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 51<sup>st</sup> 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.

51<sup>st</sup> 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, Philip Patterson

Cubs Leaders: Daniel Kinnear, Harry Gregg, Emily Gregg

Scouts Leaders: Jonathan Kinnear, Matthew Lambe, Max Anderson

Explorers Leaders: Michael Croft, Ben Bryson

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 2025:

Total	90
Squirrels Male	10
Squirrels Female	0
Beavers Male	14
Beavers Female	2
Cubs Male	23
Cubs Female	1
Scouts Male	10
Scouts Female	3
Explorers Male	19
Explorers Female	8

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income for the year was £14082.16. Expenses totalled £15877.80. Our final bank balance was £2936.18.

Fundraising activities have raised nearly £1398 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. It significantly contributed to the lowering of the cost of the Isle of Man camp that the Scouts and Explorers went on in summer 2024.

There was also some expenditure for Beaver and Cub Leaders completing their Woodbadge training Membership


Squirrels took part in active games, craft, stories and visits. Badges covered included the Feel Good, Exciting Experiments, Super Chef and Let it Grow.

Cubs engaged in Walking tours around Belfast for the Local Knowledge badge, visited the W5 exhibit and the We Are Vertigo activity centre. At the Christmas end of year party, they joined the Scouts and Explorers for a trip to the Belfast Giants Ice Hockey.

Scouts completed their First Aid Stage 3 badges, learnt basic Knots and lashings, had discussions around Health, and healthy habits in the kitchen and engaged in the Astronautics and Astronomer badges. There was even a trip to the Armagh Planetarium for a private presentation.

Explorers have seen a dramatic increase in membership numbers over the past couple of years, now numbering 20.

The 9 Young Leaders helping out with each of the junior Sections are developing their Leadership skills and have continued with their volunteering within their respective sections and have been a great help.



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