

Armagh District Scout Council

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104477

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-12-11
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, General charitable purposes, Sport/recreation, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Learning disabilities, Men, Mental health, Voluntary and community sector, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£29,078	£36,186	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Caroline Dawson		
Leslie Irwin		
Matthew Doyle		
Melanie Geary		
Miss Joy Minish		
Richard Gilpin		
Sam Rusk		
Shelagh Calvert		
Winston Humphries		

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Accounts

ARMAGH DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL


YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

CREDITS

Balance Forward-Current Account	57,721.52
HRMC Charities	10,417.97
Capitation	11,989.00
HQ (50p Refund)	171.00
Sam Rusk	<u>6,500.00</u>
	86,799.49

DEBITS

Capitation	15,007.00
SOWA	25.00
Events Float	1,000.00
Scout Conference	800.00
Co Commissioner's Retirement Dinner	503.75
Co Commissioner's Retirement Dinner	85.00
First Moria Refund	425.00
First Lurgan Refund	425.00
4 th Portadown District Refund	4,867.91
Capitation	12,996.00
Bank Fees	51.13
	36,185.79
Balance per Bank Statement	<u>50 613.70</u>
	86,799.49


CAPTAIN Sam Rusk

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Accounts

COUNTY ARMAGH SCOUT COUNCIL

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

CREDITS

Balance Forward – Current Account	55,075.67
Capitation Received	10227.50
Endeavour Investments. (Sam Rusk)	6,500.00
Alan Stevenson Account	315.41
District Funds	11,418.79
Rebecca Dowds	<u>51.00</u>
	83,588.37

DEBITS

Northern Ireland Unit Jamboree contribution	1,000.00
Youth Commissioners Conference	82.69
Capitation	12,708.00
Sam Rusk Presentation	245.00
Bank Fees	45.96
Alan Stevenson account	315.41
District Funds	11,418.79
Rebecca Dowds	51.00
Balance per Bank Statement	<u>57,721.52</u>
	83,588.37

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Annual report

COUNTY ARMAGH SCOUT COUNCIL

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31 March 2024

TRUSTEES and MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE at 31 MARCH 2023

Mr Sam Rusk (Chair)	Mr Stewart Mc Williams
Mr Winston Humphries (Treas)	Miss Caroline Dawson
Mr Leslie Irwin (Sec)	Mr Leslie Babes
Mr Rodney Watson	Mr David Gregg
Mrs Shelagh Calvert	Miss Joy Minish.

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.

Governing Document:

The County'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, Organization and Rules of the Scout Association.

Constitution:

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

Trustee selection Methods:

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

Additional governance issues

The County is managed by the Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the County 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. The County Trustee Board exists to support the Scout County in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

County public occasions;

Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; appointing any sub committees that may be required;

Appointing County Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control:

The County Executive ensures that all activities are undertaken in accordance with the Scout Association Policy, Organization and Rules.

All leaders are members of the Scout Association and as such have a valid Access NI check and are covered by the Scout Association national accident insurance policy. Risk assessments are undertaken for all activities.

Objectives:

The objectives of the County are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The Aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of the 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.

The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

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The County meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizen or community development headings.

County Armagh Scout Council - 2023 to 2024:

The County partners with the Northern Ireland Scout Council and the County provides adult and youth resources, both for training and programme, that can be most appropriately provided by bringing the members and resources together.

The County programme supports the Northern Ireland programme.

The County has maintained the challenge from the Scout Association to be "Youth Shaped" and to provide Scouting to more young people. Scouting in the County is becoming ever more representative of the communities in which it operates.

The 2024 census returns the following:

5 Squirrel Dreys	42
7 Beaver Colonies	81
8 Cub Packs	104
7 Scout Troops	96
3 Explorer Units	19
Total Young People	342

We continue to keep on top of Access NI, constantly sending out the notices for access ni as they come in and to all the GSL for acting on them and keeping our young people in a safe environment.

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Financial review:

The County is funded by the fees collected from each of the Groups which make up the County, fundraising and donations.

The income has enabled the support of the ongoing leader training and the funding of the County Youth Activities.

The County does not hold any long term investments and so all funds are held using mainstream banks.

There are sufficient funds to ensure future advancement, strengthening and expansion of scouting in County Armagh.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees

Signature



Name

Rodney Watson

Position

County Lead Volunteer (Trustee)

Date:

25/09/2024

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Independent Examiner's report to the charity trustees of Armagh County Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the charity set out on page 1.

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.

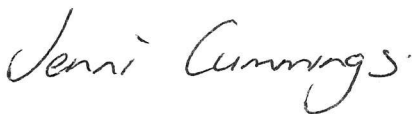
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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
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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.



Independent Examiner

Armagh District Scout Council

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Accounts

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

CREDITS

Balance Forward – Current Account	36,151.60
Capitation Received	10,813.50
Base Camp refund	408.80
AIB deposit Belfast	125.00
Endeavour Investments. (Sam Rusk)	6,500.00
Sam Rusk (Donation)	2,715.00
Alan Stevenson Account	315.41
District Funds	11,418.79
Rebecca Dowds	<u>51.00</u>
	<u>68,499.10</u>

DEBITS

Unpaid Cheque	1,015.00
Base Camp garments	120.00
Base Camp expenses (ferry etc.,)	448.00
Bank Fees	55.23
Alan Stevenson account	315.41
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Rebecca Dowds	51.00

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The County is starting to show a small increase in membership after Covid 19. Hopefully these numbers will continue to increase as more sections get back to full time scouting as we knew it before Covid.

The 2023 census returns the following:

5 Dreys with 38 squirrels

8 Colonies with 86 beavers

9 Packs with 112 cubs
7 Troops with 98 scouts
3 Units with 19 explorers
Total of 353 Young People.

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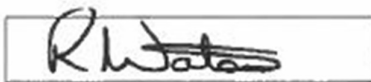
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Position County Lead Volunteer (Trustee)

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