

1st Hillsborough Guides

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105039

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-03-16

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

Contact

Address Downshire Centre
Hillsborough Parish Church
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Hillsborough
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Activities

Purposes: Educating girls and young women to help them develop emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually so that they can make a positive contribution to their community and the wider world.

What the charity does: The advancement of citizenship or community development

How the charity works: Youth development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|--------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-06-30 | £7,940 | £6,010 | £0 | 0 |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
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| Miss Jenny Lindsay Bsc(Hons) Mcoptom | | |
| Mrs Emma Mathers Bsc(Hons) Dip Planning | | |

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Accounts

Income & Expenditure Account: 1/7/2024 - 30/6/2025

| Receipts | | Payments | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Guide Subscriptions | £ 1,990.00 | Census | £ 1,653.00 |
| Guide Outings | £ - | Refunds | £ 350.00 |
| Camp | £ 1,630.00 | Charity Donations | £ 882.00 |
| EA Grant | £ 1,000.00 | Contribution for use of Hall | £ 200.00 |
| Fundraising / Donations | £ 806.00 | International Camp Bursaries | £ - |
| Gift Aid | £ 478.74 | Speaker Gifts / Expenses | £ 106.00 |
| Bank Interest | £ 10.65 | Bank Charges | £ 39.29 |
| Uncashed Cheques | £ 2,025.60 | Guide Outings | £ 325.70 |
| | | Craft Materials | £ 75.65 |
| | | Activities | £ 155.92 |
| | | Stationary | £ - |
| | | Girlguiding Shop | £ 255.55 |
| | | Parties / Presents | £ 56.49 |
| | | Misc. Expenditure | £ 17.85 |
| | | Equipment & Unit Resources | £ 184.00 |
| | | Camp | £ 1,343.24 |
| | | Re-written Cheques | £ 365.60 |
| | | | |
| Subtotal | £ 7,940.99 | Subtotal | £ 6,010.29 |
| | | | |
| Balance brought forward | £ 6,595.82 | Closing Balance | £ 8,526.52 |
| | | | |
| Total | £ 14,536.81 | Total | £ 14,536.81 |


Assets and Liabilities: In addition to the above cash balances the unit has equipment to the value of £1,300.00 and there are no other assets or liabilities.

Prepared by: Jane Brown

Signature & Date: 
27/04/2026

Approved by Trustees on 27/04/2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee: Jenny Lindsay

Signature & Date: 
27/04/2026

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| Guide Outings | £ 112.00 | Refunds | £ - |
| Camp | £ 1,560.00 | Charity Donations | £ 390.60 |
| EA Grant | £ 1,789.00 | Contribution for use of Hall | £ 200.00 |
| Fundraising / Donations | £ 365.60 | International Camp Bursaries | £ 100.00 |
| Gift Aid | £ 458.71 | Speaker Gifts / Expenses | £ 95.00 |
| Misc | £ 240.00 | Bank Charges | £ 39.48 |
| Bank Interest & Refunds | £ 101.87 | Guide Outings | £ 753.55 |
| | | Craft Materials | £ 34.94 |
| | | Activities | £ 141.81 |
| | | Stationary | £ - |
| | | Girlguiding Shop | £ 443.11 |
| | | Parties / Presents | £ 64.80 |
| | | Misc. Expenditure | £ 252.02 |
| | | Equipment | £ - |
| | | Camp | £ 2,063.18 |
| | | Re-written cheques | £ 92.65 |
| | | | |
| Subtotal | £ 6,537.18 | Subtotal | £ 6,431.14 |
| | | | |
| Balance brought forward | £ 6,489.78 | Closing Balance | £ 6,595.82 |
| | | | |
| Total | £ 13,026.96 | Total | £ 13,026.96 |

Assets and Liabilities: In addition to the above cash balances the unit has equipment to the value of £1,600.00 and there are no other assets or liabilities.

Prepared by: Jane Brown

Signature & Date: *Jane Brown*
26/02/2025

Approved by Trustees on 26/02/2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee: Jenny Lindsay

Signature & Date: *JL Lindsay*
26/02/2025

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Annual report



Trustee Annual Report Form

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Name of Charity as it appears on the Register and any other names it may be known by

1st Hillsborough Guides

NI Charity Commission Number

NIC105039

The principal address of the Charity

Downshire Centre, Hillsborough Parish Church
Main Street, Hillsborough, BT26 6AE
United Kingdom

The names of all Charity Trustees on the date the report was approved and all individuals who served as Charity Trustees during the year

Miss Jenny Lindsay
Mrs Emma Mathers



The financial year the report relates to

1st July 2023 – 30th June 2024

A summary of the Charity's main activities to further its purposes for the public benefit and the main achievements in the year

This year we had 26 Guides in the unit. We worked towards the Know Myself theme award, completing the Stage 3 Network skills builder badge, Guiding History interest badge and various unit meeting activities. A favourite was making and cooking calzone and apple crumble in cardboard box ovens. The girls also decorated tote bags illustrating their interests and talents and what makes them unique and special. Eight Guides were awarded their Bronze award and others worked independently on their Confectionery and Geocaching interest badges.

The Guides also completed the Girlguiding Ulster Civil Engineering and Ulster Scots badges. We opted to make soda bread on trangias which was a great success with the girls reporting that they tasted better than those bought in the shops! Learning some ceilidh dances was also fun.

The Guides always enjoy outdoor activities and this year we headed to Hillsborough Forest Park for a nature trail and wide game. On our last night (due to popular demand) we had some water-based relay games. It's safe to say that no-one was dry at the end of the evening!

Other activities included Christmas flower arranging and a visit from the Army Engagement Team who set the girls a series of enjoyable challenges which encouraged teamwork.

For our Christmas outing this year we joined with the Rangers for a trip to the inflatable park at We Are Vertigo Titanic. We also had a great end of year trip paddleboarding at Moira Lakes.

In April we headed to Carlingford Activity Centre for a fantastic action-packed weekend away. The girls and leaders experienced some of the many activities on offer including the high ropes course, rock climbing, abseiling, canoeing and a nightline. Of course no camp was complete without a campfire and smores!

We organised a fundraising bake sale with the girls busy making delicious traybakes to raise money for Children in Need. At Harvest time we decorated the church porch and the girls were very generous bring non-perishable food items which afterwards were donated to Storehouse.

Finally some Guides got involved in activities outside the unit. One girl headed to Our Chalet in Switzerland with a group from Girlguiding Ulster. Three Guides participated in ICE (International Community Experience) which included sleeping in hammocks under the stars. One Guide was selected to sit on a UK wide working group to help create new resources to develop girls' leadership roles in Guiding. As well as online meetings, she travelled over to Foxlease activity centre in England for an in-person weekend and to meet the rest of the group.

There was no harm flowing from the Charity's purposes and there was no private benefit.



A statement that the Trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance

Trustees are familiar with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit and have ensured that when planning activities they help achieve the charity's purposes and make a difference to the lives of the girls within the unit.

A review of the Charity's financial position at the end of the year

Opening Balance £6398.93 01/07/22; Closing Balance £6489.78 30/06/23
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Details of any fund held by the Charity that was materially in deficit at the end of the year and steps taken by the Charity Trustees to eliminate the deficit

1st Hillsborough Guides have no material deficit.

One or more of the Charity Trustees must sign and date the box below.

JF Ldsay

05/04/2025

1st Hillsborough Guides

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105039

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of 1st Hillsborough Guides

I report on the accounts of the Unit for the year ended 30th June 2024.

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: David Steele

Relevant professional qualification or body: FCA

Address: 52 Combermere Hillsborough, BT26 6DQ

Date: 27 April 2025

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| Fundraising / Donations | £ - | Speaker Gifts / Expenses | £ 104.00 |
| Gift Aid | £ 430.97 | Bank Charges | £ 29.14 |
| Bank Interest & Refunds | £ 8.32 | Guide Outings | £ 475.91 |
| | | Craft Materials | £ - |
| | | Activities | £ 259.56 |
| | | Stationary | £ - |
| | | Girlguiding Shop | £ 357.40 |
| | | Parties / Presents | £ 204.63 |
| | | Misc. Expenditure | £ 10.00 |
| | | Equipment | £ 104.00 |
| | | Camp | £ 1,053.80 |
| | | | |
| Subtotal | £ 4,414.29 | Subtotal | £ 4,323.44 |
| | | | |
| Balance brought forward | £ 6,398.93 | Closing Balance | £ 6,489.78 |
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| Total | £ 10,813.22 | Total | £ 10,813.22 |

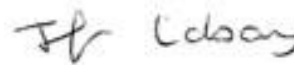
Assets and Liabilities: In addition to the above cash balances the unit has equipment to the value of **£1,700.00** and there are no other assets or liabilities.

Prepared by: J Brown

Signature & Date: 
24/04/2024

Approved by the trustees on 24 April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee: J Lindsay

Signature & Date: 
24/04/2024

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This year we had 25 Guides in the unit, as always eager and enthusiastic to learn new skills, have fun and adventures.

Our first activity was when King Charles visited Hillsborough in September 2022 and some of our Guides and leaders had the privilege of meeting with the King and Queen.

Over the year the Guides completed a number of badges including Stage 3 Camp and Stage 5 First Aid skills builder badges. These provided the girls with useful skills for camping and dealing with first aid emergencies, though thankfully we've not had to put the latter into action!

The girls undertook various activities to complete their Girlguiding Ulster Centenary badge with the centenary bake off challenge proving popular. The Backwoods Cooking interest badge kept us well fed in the summer with the girls using firepits to cook a cake in a can, dampers and waffle cone smores. There was even some homemade butter to go with the dampers.

Overall it was a successful year for badges with Guides receiving theme awards for the Have Adventures, Be Well and Skills for my Future themes. Four girls were awarded their bronze award.

We had outings throughout the year including a Christmas outing to Lisburn Bowl. We attended the Army Skills Builder Day where the girls learned how to change a wheel and build shelters. The Guides Take Over W5 event was enjoyable for all with highlights including the science roadshow and climbit climbing structure. The latter two events were organised by Girlguiding Ulster and an opportunity to meet girls from other units.

The Guides always enjoy outdoor activities and this year was no exception. We had a night hike up Slieve Croob and an outing to Tyrella beach where the girls made their promise, had a sand sculpture competition and enjoyed a BBQ.

Other activities included cooking an Italian meal on trangias, a yoga night, human hungry hippos and a chariot race where the girls put their newly learned skills of knots and lashings into practice.

This is the first time since COVID we have taken the Guides camping. The girls enjoyed a weekend camp at Lorne where they experienced some of the outdoor activities on offer including the crate stacking challenge, Gladiator vertical assault course, Flintstones challenge and bushcraft. We also teamed up with our camp neighbours Dromore for an evening of fun around the campfire.

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24/04/2024

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Date: 26 April 2024