



Trustee Annual Report Form

All Girlguiding Ulster Charities are governed by the Royal Charter and Bye-laws.

The Purpose of each of these Charities is to educate 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.

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

Dunluce Guide House

NI Charity Commission Number

105481

The principal address of the Charity- this should be the address that was used at the time of registration with the Charity Commission

38 Downshire Gardens
Carrickfergus
BT38 7LN

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

Mrs Hilary Johnstone	Mrs Donna Lennon
Mrs Emily McIlvenna	Laura Johnston
Mrs Jayne Johnston	Miriam McIlvenna
Mrs Rhonda Gamble	Claire Eakin



The financial year the report relates to – for example, 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017

1st January 2024 – 31st December 2024

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

Dunluce Guide House continues to be a popular venue for girlguiding members and non-members on this beautiful stretch of coast. So as the Open Golf tournament was coming to Royal Portrush in July, we decided to promote the guide house with the tourist board. We had a visit from the tourist board certification office in March, and we are now certified as a Hostel by Tourism Northern Ireland and our profile is on the Discover Northern Ireland website.

The monthly safety checks continue and in 2025 we have incorporate all essential checks and they are carried out by the electrician. Once he has checked the equipment, he then follows up by sorting out any issues found.

Work has been completed on the septic tank. This included a new pump, control panel and pipework.

We have now removed the play park and have replaced this with a simple set of swings for younger members. The swings are situated to the left of the building which means leaders can observe the girls even when in the kitchen.

We have also installed a camp fire area in the grounds, this will be a safe area for families and guiding units to have a camp fire or BBQ. This area has now been used by several groups and we have had very positive feedback. Going forward we will be looking at lighting on the path up to the camp fire area. There are also seating mats in the boot room to enable groups to sit comfortably at the camp fire area. There is a sand bucket for safety, which will be kept in the playhouse until needed by each group.

The house has had its usual update to paintwork, which keeps it fresh and clean.

With the hard work of Miriam we were able to get money from the Awards for all project, this went towards replacement and upgrade of the fire doors in the house. The quote for fire doors was in the region of £7,500, so it was important we looked at ways to get more funding to help cover our costs as cost-of-living crisis in the last year has really affected the running of the house and the decisions we make.

As a committee we continue to promote Dunluce Guide House, and we will ensure it is safe and fit for purpose for use by guiding groups, community groups and families.

There was no harm flowing from the Charities purposes and there was no private benefit.



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

In planning the activities for the year, the Trustees of Dunluce Guide House have had regard to the Commissions Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance. This enables us to achieve our purposes and provide a benefit to the girls and volunteers visiting Dunluce Guide House.

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

The income for Dunluce Guide House in 2024 was £ 26,920

The expenditure was £42,707

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

There were no funds in deficit at the end of the year.

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

Hilary E. Johnson 8th May. 2025.