

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

38 Downshire Gardens

Carrickfergus

BT38 7LN

at the time of registration with the Charity Commission

The names of all Charity Trustees on the date the report was approved and all

Mrs Hilary Johnstone

Mrs Donna Lennon

Rhonda Gamble

Mrs Emily McIlvenna

Laura Johnston

Claire Eakin

Mrs Jayne Johnston

Miriam McIlvenna

individuals who served as Charity Trustees during the year

The financial year the report relates to – for

1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

example, 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017

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

We have had an eventful year at Dunluce Guide House and the house continues to be a popular venue for Girlguiding members, families and other groups.

In July we welcomed guests who were attending the Open Golf Tournament at Royal Portrush. Some of the guests were so impressed they rebooked later in the year and enjoyed a game of golf on the famous golf course. The house is on the Discover Northern Ireland website.

During the year we have updated our internet system as the UK transitioned from analogue to digital.

We have been able to get a few grants to help with updating and refurbishing the house. The first DAERA grant allowed us to update some of the fire doors, the second allowed us to replace the flooring in the sitting room to tiles to match the rest of the ground floor. The door of the sitting room was moved to allow the door to the single bedroom to feed out onto the main corridor, a much safer way to exit in case of an emergency. The house has had a repaint and looks fresh and clean.

The third grant was from NICHI (Networks Involving Communities in Health Improvement). This allowed us to hold a very successful camp out to cook out camp in the summer. We also held a First aid at Work (18hr) course.

In September we had a BBQ to mark the official opening of our new fire pit. During this event two of the Dunluce Committee members were awarded the Girlguiding Ulster Ivy Award, and one of the young members was presented with her Queens Guide Award. 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

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.

Benefit requirement statutory guidance**A review of the Charity's financial position at the end of the year**

The income for Dunluce Guide House in 2025 was £ 31,580

The expenditure was £29,822

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 Johnstone

23/4/2026.