



SCOUTING IRELAND GROUP COUNCIL (CHARITY TRUSTEES)
ANNUAL REPORT CHARITY COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND



33rd Derry Ballinascreen Scout Group

Scouting Ireland



1. Charity Name as listed on the Charity Register	33 rd Derry Ballinascreen Scout Group Scouting Ireland
2. Financial year the report is for	1 st September 2022 to 31 st August 2023
3. CCNI Charity Registration Number	NIC 105870
4. The address from which the Charity Operates (usually your Scout hall)	<div>St Colms Hall, Cahore Road, Draperstown</div> <div>BT45 7AP (No Post)</div> <div>c/o Karen Brunton, 57 Glengomna Road,</div> <div>Draperstown, BT45 7JQ</div> <div></div> <div></div>
5. The names of all our Trustees at the date of this report plus any who stepped down as a trustee during the year	<div>Current Trustees</div> <div>Karen Brunton</div> <div>Sinead Daly</div> <div>Pauline Brunton</div> <div>Colleen Scullion</div> <div>Collwyn Brunton</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div>Trustees who stepped down</div> <div>Michelle Hunt</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
6. A summary description of the purposes of the charity <i>The aim of Scouting Ireland is to encourage the physical, intellectual, character, emotional, social and spiritual development of young people so that they may achieve their full potential and as responsible citizens, to improve society.</i> <i>The Charity's purposes are:</i>	

<i>The advancement of education</i> <i>The advancement of citizenship or community development</i>	
<p>*7. The name of any person, or body of persons, permitted by the trusts of the charity to appoint one or more new charity trustees and a description of the method used to make such appointments</p> <p><i>If there is any individual or organisation with the power to appoint charity trustees, such as another charity or a government department, provide their details, the relevant powers, and methods of appointment.</i></p>	N/A
<p>*8. Include details of any funds held by the charity as a custodian trustee</p> <p><i>This is mandatory for charities preparing accruals accounts.</i></p>	N/A

9. Charity's Main Activities and Achievements during the year.

Successfully re-opened all sections in our group for the 2022-2023 Scouting year which included members in Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Ventures and Rovers.

We had enough leaders to do this and all leaders completed their vetting/training in line with Scouting Ireland's requirements. We are actively recruiting new leaders as it can be tight ratio wise for some activities if someone can't make it.

All sections ran various activities throughout the year and finished the year with Annual Summer Camp.

Each section meets once a week minimum and then there are additional activities at weekend. Some examples below:

Beavers & Cubs: World of Owls visit, hike in Moydamlaght, Badge related activities (camping, air, pioneering, emergencies and backwoods), pottery workshop and arts & crafts.

Scouts, Ventures & Rovers: Weekly sessions included Trangia cooking, first aid, pioneering, backwoods, archery, pottery and map work. Weekend activities included fun day at Drumanor, Canoe pool sessions and canoeing at Ballyronan Marina, overnight expedition in the Sperrins and many more fun activities.

The Scouts won the Errigal Cup and went on to participate in the Phoenix Challenge.

Successful fundraisers included Quiz, Christmas hamper and bake sale.

We aim to Scout outdoors as much as possible. Challenge, adventure and a sense of freedom are all present in close contact with nature away from everyday home life. Scouting is inclusive to all, all races, genders, abilities, and faiths are welcome.

Scouting enjoys widespread respect in the community because of its positive contribution to the lives of young people.

10. How is the Group doing financially?

Income: £27444

Expenses: £28351

Although the accounts show we were in a deficit of £907 for the 2022-2023 financial year this was a group decision.

The bank account is healthy and we as a group subsidised more activities for our youth members this year. We also bought some much needed equipment and resources to help broaden the activities we can offer in-house.

Successful fundraisers included Quiz, Christmas hamper and bake sale.

We also received some grants from the Honorable Irish Society and Scout Foundation totaling £1,450.

11. How has the Group ensured members have not come to harm?

All volunteers receive training in Safeguarding, Programme (youth work) skills and adventure skills. There is oversight of all activity by the Group Leader and the Group Council. Parents are regularly communicated with. All activities are carefully planned and the appropriate equipment used.

12. How has your Group ensured that any private benefit to your volunteers has been incidental to the public benefit of your work?

Volunteers gain additional transferrable skills but this is incidental to the work that they do and are the skills that they require to undertake that work.


13. A statement that the Trustees have had regard to the CCNI's guidance on Public Benefit.

We the Trustees of 33rd Derry Ballinascreen Scout Group Scouting Ireland can confirm that in setting our objectives and planning for the year that we have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

14. This report was approved by the Trustees (Group Council) on

Date: 21/03/24

15. Signature of Trustees. (This should be signed by 2 Trustees approved by the Group Council)

Trustee 1:  Date: 21/03/24

Trustee 2:  Date: 21/03/24