



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



33<sup>rd</sup> Derry Ballinascreen Scout Group

Scouting Ireland



1. Charity Name as listed on the Charity Register	33 <sup>rd</sup> Derry Ballinascreen Scout Group Scouting Ireland
2. Financial year the report is for	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023 to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2024
3. CCNI Charity Registration Number	NIC 105870
4. The address from which the Charity Operates (usually your Scout hall)	St Colms Hall, Cahore Road, Draperstown BT45 7AP (No Post) c/o Karen Brunton, 57 Glengomna Road, Draperstown, BT45 7JQ
5. The names of all our Trustees at the date of this report plus any who stepped down as a trustee during the year	<b>Current Trustees</b> Karen Brunton Sinead Daly Pauline Brunton Collwyn Brunton Karl Cassidy  <b>Trustees who stepped down</b> Colleen Scullion
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><b>*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</b></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>	<p><b>N/A</b></p>
<p><b>*8. Include details of any funds held by the charity as a custodian trustee</b></p> <p><i>This is mandatory for charities preparing accruals accounts.</i></p>	<p><b>N/A</b></p>

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

Our group has went from strength to strength, although we've had our challenges thankfully it has been mostly successes. We want to express my gratitude to our dedicated leaders and committee members, your hard work and commitment has made a significant impact on our group. Although we encountered some challenges, we have navigated these effectively introducing policies and procedures and it has made us stronger.

We have seen an increase in our membership, we currently have 87 active members in our group including youth members and volunteers.

Our Beavers and Cubs are currently experiencing waiting lists while our Scouts and Venture section also have healthy numbers. This is a testament to the engaging and action-packed programs our Scouters developed. I would also like to welcome our new Scouters that have joined since our last year we're excited to have you onboard.

Our Sections hosted many successful events this year including camps and other outdoor activities. I want to give a special mention to our Cubs who participated in the Cub Challenge and to our Scouts who participated in the Phoenix Challenge. Their enthusiasm and hard work really paid off and they represented our group exceptionally well. Thanks to the leaders who dedicated their time and effort to train our teams without your commitment it would not have been possible.

All of our existing leaders have completed their necessary vetting and Being a Scouter course which includes safeguarding training. In addition to this essential training some leaders completed youth led programme and overnights training. Nicola and Katy also completed their Rec First Aid training. Earlier this year I completed my Group leader training.

Looking ahead we are aiming to retain our numbers and continue to provide a fun filled program that will inspire adventure and personal growth. I am excited about the potential growth and continued success.

Unfortunately, there is one blocker to this and that is our venue. We are currently awaiting timescales for when the funding will be available for our new hall. Without this our numbers and program are restricted. We will continue to look at other options in the meantime. Again I would like to thank all our leaders, committee members, parents and supporters both in our group and beyond. Your dedication and enthusiasm make our group thrive.

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.

**10. How is the Group doing financially?**

Income: £57,881

Expenses: £48,309

Our financial position remains stable and we were able to subsidise many events last year which helped reduce costs to parents.

Last year we held several successful fundraising events which were;

- Quiz Night: a fun evening held in Regans
- Christmas Hamper Raffle: Thank you to everyone who contributed items and purchased tickets
- Easter Bake Sale and Easter Trail: Thanks to anyone who baked or volunteered at either of the events and also to anyone who attended and bought items/tickets.
- 30 Years Gala Dinner: A milestone celebration that successfully highlighted our groups history and achievements while also raising funds for our activities.

Thank you to all the local businesses who also supported these events.

We also received various grants since our last AGM which helped fund group activities. Education Authority, Fibrus, Workspace and Mid Ulster Council were some of the funders.

**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 CCNIs guidance on Public Benefit.**

We the Trustees of 33<sup>rd</sup> 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: 26/06/25

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

Trustee 1:  Date: 26/06/25

Trustee 2:  Date: 26/06/25