

# 1st Comber Guide Unit

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105948

## Details

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| Known as   | First Comber Guides  |
| Status     | Received   |
| Registered | 2017-01-10   |
| Register   | <a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a> |

## Contact

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| Address | St. Marys Church Of Ireland<br>The Square<br>Comber<br>Newtownards<br>Bt23 5du<br>BT23 5DU |
| Phone   | 07495142274  |
| Email   | <a href="mailto:info@girlguidingulster.org.uk">info@girlguidingulster.org.uk</a>           |
| Website | <a href="https://girlguidingulster.org.uk/">https://girlguidingulster.org.uk/</a>          |

## 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 education, The advancement of citizenship or community development

**How the charity works:** Community development, Education/training, Gender, Sport/recreation, Volunteer development, Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds), Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|--------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-06-30 | £3,633 | £3,678      | £0     | 0         |

## Trustees

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| Name                         | Role | Appointed |
|------------------------------|------|-----------|
| Jordan Shanks                |      |           |
| Mrs Norah Rosalind Whittaker |      |           |
| Mrs Sarah Boyd Reeve         |      |           |

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# Accounts

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# Accounts

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## North Down County Guiding

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT from 1/7/23 to 30/6/24

Unit Name: 1<sup>st</sup> Comber Guides District: Comber

**BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD** from previous year

|              | £           | p         |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| CASH         | 716         | 33        |
| BANK         | 1155        | 33        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1871</b> | <b>66</b> |

| <b>RECEIPTS</b>                                    |             |           |
|--|-------------|-----------|
| Subscriptions                                      | 1170        | 00        |
| Fund Raising (Jam sale)                            | 260         | 45        |
| Camps / Holidays / Outings (inc 5 x IOM = £2250)   | 2700        | 00        |
| Donations (Easyfundraising)                        | 23          | 70        |
| Grants (EA)  | 1491        | 00        |
| Other (Please detail) Payment for duplicate badges | 3           | 00        |
| Gift Aid (22/23)                                   | 303         | 38        |
| Bank Interest                                      | 0           | 00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                       | <b>5951</b> | <b>53</b> |

| <b>PAYMENTS</b>   |             |           |
|---|-------------|-----------|
| Subscriptions   | 1015        | 00        |
| Camps / Holidays / Outings (inc 5 x IOM = £2250) + Disney Wish + Bowling+ Lorne night | 3466        | 31        |
| Training Fees   | 0           | 00        |
| Programme Resources / Badges  | 110         | 19        |
| Donation (St Mary's fundraiser)   | 150         | 00        |
| First aid supplies (replenish)  | 44          | 11        |
| Administration  | 4           | 75        |
| Activities  | 106         | 48        |
| Fundraising costs   | 10          | 00        |
| Hall Costs  | 450         | 00        |
| Farewell gift   | 24          | 63        |
| Bank charges  | 35          | 54        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>5417</b> | <b>01</b> |

**BALANCE IN HAND** at year end:

|              | £           | p         |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| CASH         | 185         | 58        |
| BANK         | 2220        | 60        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>2406</b> | <b>18</b> |

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES: In addition to the above cash balance the unit has equipment to the value of £...0.00.....and there are no other assets or liabilities.

Prepared by: *Norah Whittaker* Unit Leader

Date: 1 August 2024

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# Annual report

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**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**

1<sup>st</sup> Comber Guide Unit

**NI Charity Commission Number**

NIC105948

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

C/o N Whittaker, St Mary's Church of Ireland, The Square, Comber, BT23 5DU

**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 S Reeve  
Mrs NR Whittaker  
Ms Jordan Shanks



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

1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to 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**

1<sup>st</sup> Comber Guides is a group of girls aged 10-14 years old and who meet 30 weeks of the year (broadly school term time) on a Tuesday evening from 7.30-9.00pm. Numbers attending ranged from 12-14 throughout the year. The Unit is grateful for receiving EA Funding in support of our activities.

We started back in September and benefitted from programme activities across our values, craft, jam making, fun and friendship. We achieved a successful jam and chutney sale to raise funds, clearing £250 after costs, enabling the Unit to make a donation of £150 to the church and support our annual activities. In December the girls had the opportunity to see Disney's 'Wish' as part of GG North Down events and also went 10-pin bowling as a treat before Christmas! As part of a joint initiative with the Institute of Civil Engineers (ICE) the girls learned about what engineers do and their effective impact on society with structures such as bridges, buildings and roads. The highlight of the year was our annual camp, at Ganaway, Millisle in June run by Jordan and Jenny – 11 girls and 3 Rangers had a fabulous time learning new skills, sleeping in Icelandic tents and building friendships. Our youngest camp attendee was 10 weeks old! Annual awards were presented including 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 7 Bronze. 5 Girls in the Unit along with Leader, Jordan were able to attend a full week adventure as part of the North Down group adventure to the Isle of man in July 24 and one of our Gold achievers also went on a GGU International Camp to Switzerland in Aug 24. Life-long memories and friendships for all. Our 2 most senior girls were invited to escort the Vice Lord Lieutenant for County Down and the High Sheriff for County Down at the inaugural annual Somme Memorial event.

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

Please insert how many girls took part in the unit, what events and activities took place, what achievements e.g. badges etc that were gained. Also state that there was no harm flowing from

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

The Charity Trustees are aware of the Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance.



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

The overall financial position is as follows: The financial income during the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 was £5951.53. This added to the opening balance gave funds of £7823.19. Total expenditure for the year was £5417.01, leaving a closing balance of £2406.18.

**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**

Not applicable

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

*Norah Whittaker.*

Mrs NR Whittaker 22.2.25

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# Annual return

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## Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of 1<sup>st</sup> Comber Guides

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30 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: ELIZABETH CONNORS

Relevant professional qualification or body: DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Address: 21 DALTON GLEN COMBER

Date: 24 Sep 2024.

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# Accounts

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RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT from 1/7/22 to 30/6/23

Unit Name: 1<sup>st</sup> Comber Guides District: Comber

**BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD** from previous year

|       | £    | p  |
|-------|------|----|
| CASH  | 429  | 30 |
| BANK  | 1693 | 82 |
| TOTAL | 2123 | 12 |

| <b>RECEIPTS</b>             |             |           |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Subscriptions               | 1510        | 00        |
| Fund Raising (Jam sale)     | 369         | 57        |
| Camps / Holidays / Outings  | 1110        | 00        |
| Donations (Easyfundraising) | 51          | 01        |
| Grants (Education Grant W5) | 144         | 00        |
| Other (Please detail)       | -           | -         |
| Gift Aid (20/21)            | 180         | 37        |
|                             |             |           |
|                             |             |           |
| Bank Interest               | -           | -         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>3364</b> | <b>95</b> |

| <b>PAYMENTS</b>                            |             |           |
|--|-------------|-----------|
| Subscriptions (GGUK)                       | 1200        | 00        |
| Camps / Holidays / Outings                 | 1324        | 75        |
| Training Fees                              | 70          | 00        |
| Programme Resources / Badges               | 230         | 50        |
| Donation (Crosskennan An Sanctuary / Yoga) | 270         | 00        |
| Administration                             | 4           | 75        |
| Activities                                 | 112         | 83        |
| Fundraising costs                          | 91          | 35        |
| Long Service acknowledgement               | 13          | 48        |
| Bank charges                               | 33          | 80        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                               | <b>3616</b> | <b>41</b> |

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| TOTAL | 1871 | 66 |

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Prepared by: NR Whittaker Unit Leader

Date: 22/6/23

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

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Name: ELIZABETH CONNORS

Relevant professional qualification or body: GIRL GUIDING ULSTER (DIST COM)

Address: 21 DALTON GLEN COMBER

Date: 26/9/23