

1st Dromore Newry Scout Group Scouting Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106003

Details

Status Received

Registered 2017-09-20

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The Scout Group has the same aims and objectives as Scouting Ireland; 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.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of citizenship or community development

How the charity works: Community development, Cross-border/cross-community, Education/training, Environment/sustainable development/conservation, Sport/recreation, Volunteer development, Youth development

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£80,950	£76,730	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Barry Kinney		
Mr Barry Duffy		
Mr John Duffy		
Mr Ronan Mcgrath		
Mrs Bernadette Mcgibbon		
Rónán Mcgibbon		
Órlaith Rice		

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Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st August 2024

	31st Aug 24	31st Aug 23	31st Aug 22
<u>INCOME</u>			
Rent Sure Start	£ 1,000.00	£ -	£ -
Donations	£ 3,106.45	£ 1,470.00	£ 514.90
Monthly Subscriptions Cubs, Scouts, Venturers	£ 14,788.00	£ 13,522.00	£ 13,597.00
Grants	£ 52,854.78	£ 6,043.74	£ 41,889.21
Sponsorship	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sale of Uniforms	£ 85.00	£ 220.00	£ 60.00
Activity Income			
Scout Activities	£ 5,195.00	£ 4,178.25	£ 2,230.00
Venturers Activities	£ 80.00	£ -	£ 1,194.61
Cub & Beaver Activities	£ 1,464.35	£ 985.00	£ 1,010.00
Rover Activities			
Fundraising Income			
Christmas Draw	£ 1,840.00		
Venturer Bag Packs	£ -	£ -	
Other	£ -		
Parent support group Other Income	£ 536.07	£ 301.90	£ 396.93
Total Income	£ 80,949.65	£ 26,720.89	£ 60,892.65
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Summer Camp and Activity Expenses	£	£	£
Cub & Beaver Activity Costs	£ 4,287.51	£ 3,444.53	£ 4,784.41
Scout Camp & Activity Costs	£ 9,700.32	£ 4,375.77	£ 5,456.36
Venturer Activity Costs	£ 3,498.86	£ 198.80	£ 2,478.27
Rovers Activities Costs	£ 591.70	£ 90.34	£ -
Equipment	£ 4,004.11	£ 3,263.13	£ 18,483.73
Courses & Scouting Ireland Fees			
Leader Courses / First Aid	£ 1,914.67	£ 407.33	£ 60.00
Scouting Ireland Fees / Region Fees	£ 7,329.41	£ 6,538.50	£ 6,745.41
Donations / Gifts	£ 1,070.00	£ -	£ 353.96
Fundraising Expenses			
Purchase of Uniforms / Badges	£ 934.00	£ 316.78	£ 1,595.50
Utility Costs			
Electricity	£ 578.93	£ 480.31	£ 328.85
Insurance Payment	£ 1,824.13	£ 1,126.82	£ 1,965.28
Oil Payments	£ 1,113.73	£ 1,033.45	£ 793.83
Broadband and IT	£ 477.72	£ 629.22	£ 577.63
Water Rates	£ 424.08	£ 351.69	£ 349.42
Repairs & Maintenance	£ 713.71	£ 2,083.43	£ 11,061.09
Hall Upgrade Costs and fees	£ 800.00	£ 2,400.00	£ 2,400.00
Motor Van Expenses	£ 36,949.64	£ 839.91	£ 360.20
Sundry Expenses	£ 517.30	£ 776.65	£ 563.56
Total Expenditure	£ 76,729.82	£ 28,356.66	£ 58,357.50
Surplus/Deficit for the Year	£ 4,219.83	-£ 1,635.77	£ 2,535.15

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15th October 2023

Treasurer's Report

This report refers to the Scouting year, which we use as our accounting period (1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023).

This year in Scouting in relation to income, we received a few small donations worth £1,470. The main source of income is our monthly subscriptions and this has remained around the £13.5K for the last couple of years. We received £6K in grants this year for projects like an activity day, the defibrillator, community plant growing and a contribution to the Cub and Beaver camp. These were all achieved by the good work from Raymond O'Donnell and Barry Kinney, in volunteering additional time to source grants and other donations. The bag pack income is still missed, now for the fourth consecutive year (which usually would amount to £3k). Total net income excluding grants increased from £19K in 2022 to £20.6K in 2023.

Expenditure costs for the Scout Group have fallen in 2023 when compared to 2022; but this was due to expenditure in 2022 on equipment in relation to new tents, tables, chairs and outside works last year. Total expenditure on equipment last year was £18K and a further £11K on repair to the building and outside works; whereas this year, the same figures only amount to £3K for equipment and a further £2K for repairs and maintenance. The expenditure for Scouting activities was down this year at £8k (versus £12K in 2022 - due to the 2022 year aided by additional grants).

The major cost for the Scout Group every year is the fee for the Registration and Insurance (approximately £60 per member, for all young people and adult volunteers). This year that fee has remained similar to last year (at 48% of parents' voluntary subscriptions).

This then means that the total costs have decreased from £58K to £28K in 2023, which, however, is still leaving a deficit for 2023 of £1,635.77.

Our leaders (who are all volunteers) have to be commended for their continued support and dedication during the year to keep the young people of the Scout Group active on such a limited budget.

During this period, we received £4,635.94 in Gift Aid for the tax year ended 2022. There was a transfer of £5,400 into the building development fund to provide for future investment required in the hall. These funds have been earmarked for the future replacement of the of the Scout Den roof, which has an estimated cost of £60K.

Overall, the financial standing of the Scout Group is strong and we will continue to build on this success.

Barry Duffy
Treasurer
1st Dromore Newry Scout Group
15/10/2023



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Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

	31st Aug 23	31st Aug 22	31st Aug 21
<u>INCOME</u>			
Rent	£ -	£ -	£ -
Donations	£ 1,470.00	£ 514.90	£ -
Monthly Subscriptions Cubs, Scouts, Venturers	£ 13,522.00	£ 13,597.00	£ 12,015.00
Grants	£ 6,043.74	£ 41,889.21	£ 13,216.57
Sponsorship	£ -	£ -	£ -
SELB Grants	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sale of Uniforms	£ 220.00	£ 60.00	£ -
Activity Income			
Scout Activities	£ 4,178.25	£ 2,230.00	£ 1,175.00
Venturers Activities	£ -	£ 1,194.61	£ 770.00
Cub & Beaver Activities	£ 985.00	£ 1,010.00	£ 1,410.00
Rover Activities			
Fundraising Income			
Venturer Bag Packs	£ -		£ -
Parent support group Other Income	£ 301.90	£ 396.93	£ 763.30
Total Income	£ 26,720.89	£ 60,892.65	£ 29,349.87

EXPENDITURE

	£	£	£
Summer Camp and Activity Expenses			
Cub & Beaver Activity Costs	£ 3,444.53	£ 4,784.41	£ 5,782.30
Scout Camp & Activity Costs	£ 4,375.77	£ 5,456.36	£ 6,821.32
Venturer Activity Costs	£ 198.80	£ 2,478.27	£ 809.88
Rovers Activities Costs	£ 90.34	£ -	
Equipment	£ 3,263.13	£ 18,483.73	£ 4,815.14
Courses & Scouting Ireland Fees			
Leader Courses / First Aid	£ 407.33	£ 60.00	£ 80.00
Scouting Ireland Fees / Region Fees	£ 6,538.50	48.4% £ 6,745.41	49.6% £ 5,480.40
Donations / Gifts	£ -	£ 353.96	£ 289.70
Fundraising Expenses			
Purchase of Uniforms / Badges	£ 316.78	£ 1,595.50	£ 2,680.84
Utility Costs			
Electricity	£ 480.31	£ 328.85	£ 276.41
Insurance Payment	£ 1,126.82	£ 1,965.28	£ 1,387.26
Oil Payments	£ 1,033.45	£ 793.83	£ 508.00
Broadband and IT	£ 629.22	£ 577.63	£ 452.79
Water Rates	£ 351.69	£ 349.42	£ 539.72
Repairs & Maintenance	£ 2,083.43	£ 11,061.09	£ 2,578.75
Hall Upgrade Costs and fees	£ 2,400.00	£ 2,400.00	£ 400.00
Motor Van Expenses	£ 839.91	£ 360.20	£ 300.50
Sundry Expenses	£ 776.65	£ 563.56	£ 655.80
Total Expenditure	£ 28,356.66	£ 58,357.50	£ 33,858.81
Surplus/Deficit for the Year	-£ 1,635.77	£ 2,535.15	-£ 4,508.94

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15th October 2023

Group Leader's Report

2022-23 Scouting Year

Our membership is at present: 24 Beaver Scouts (ages 6-8 years old), 32 Cub Scouts (ages 8-11 years old), 32 Scouts (ages 11-15 years old), 10 Venture Scouts (ages 15-18 years old), 10 Rover Scouts (ages 18-25 years old) and 25 Scouters (adult volunteer leaders).

All sections (age groups) in the Scout Group started back at the beginning of September 2022 after their summer break.

The Beavers have been having their usual Wednesday night meetings each week, with an average of 18 Beavers in attendance. The Cubs had their usual meetings on Wednesday nights each week, with an average of 26 cubs attending. The Scout section is going well with an average of 28 Scouts at each Thursday evening meeting. The Ventures met on a Tuesday evening throughout the year, taking a break around exam time, as they always do. The Rovers met less formally on Monday evenings and were busier this year than in previous years, which is great to see. All our sections held regular activity events in addition to their weekly meetings, with the sections attending at least 10 events each (approximately 45 events in total). These events included: hikes, camps, orienteering, fun days, cross-community gatherings, canoeing, first aid, rock climbing, backwoods, litter picking and community engagement events.

I would like to recognise the commitment shown here by parents/guardians of our youth members. With them attending our meetings week after week, the consistency helps the young people on their Scouting journey. All I ask from parents/guardians is the monthly voluntary subscription and also to sign up for Gift Aid where possible (for every £1 you give; we can claim an extra 25p from the government).

Currently, we are not meeting in our Scout Den. Following ongoing fundraising and significant grant-searching, we are waiting for work to start on replacing the asbestos roof of our hall. The Group Assembly and the trustees of the hall have been planning over 10 years to save and raise money for different renovation ideas which the building needs. At present, we have an online 'Go Fund Me' page where donations can be made towards the renovations and a big thanks to the people who have already donated. Thanks to Raymond and Barry who spend their time on searching for grants; not only for the building but for our youth members, which brings down the costs of camps and activities that the Scouters organise.

Our Scout Group suffered a great loss this year with the passing of Terry Duffy in April 2023. Terry was our Group Leader since the group re-opened back in 2005 and he was a very caring and



inspirational man with an incredible dedication to scouting in Newry, spanning a 30-year service as an adult volunteer.

I would like to thank our trustees, Group Assembly, and I would like to personally thank all our Scouters (adult volunteers) for their incredible commitment to the youth of Newry through Scouting.

We have a strong Scout Group, a committed team of leaders, and an enthusiastic bunch of young people – which continues to be the perfect formula for success!!



Ronan McGrath
Group Leader
1st Dromore Newry Scout Group
15/10/2023



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Annual return

Aaron Bowman

1 Weavers Meadow

Banbridge

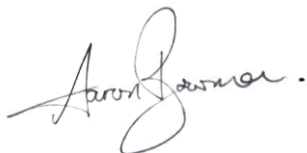
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The accounts for the above group for the year ended 31st August 2023 were presented to me on the 3rd October 2023, in my capacity as a Chartered Accountant.

It is the Charity's Trustees who are responsible for the preparation of accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2003.

I have carried out an independent examination of the accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and believe they reflect the group's financial activities during the year ended 31st August 2023 and give no matters for concern under the provisions of the Act.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aaron Bowman', with a small dot at the end.

Aaron Bowman
Chartered Accountant

Date 01/11/2023

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23rd October 2022

Treasurer's Report

This Scouting year, we were back to full face-to-face activities. The monthly subscriptions and parental support, which is vital to the group, rose slightly with the group receiving full subscriptions including parents who ceased subscription during the pandemic. The adult volunteers have to be commended for the continued support and dedication during the year. We received an increase in grants this year due the good work from Raymond and Barry and their work with 3rd Sector Connect in obtaining these. The grants included work on the outside for our green space, a new storage unit and grants to replace equipment (such as the table and chairs for the group). We are still missing the bag pack income for the third year which usually would amount to £3k. Total net income excluding grants increased from £16K in 2021 to £19K in 2022.

Activity costs for the group have risen in 2022 due to expenditure on the equipment and grants we received in relation to new tents, tables, chairs and the completed outside works. This was very much aided by the significant financial support grants we received via 3rd Sector Connect. Total expenditure on equipment this year was £18K and a further £11K on repair to building and outside works. The expenditure in Scouting activities this year was £12k similar to last year's figure. The major cost for the group every year is the Scouting Ireland fees, which this year have increased from 45% of parental voluntary subscriptions to 49% of 2022 subscriptions. Total costs have increased from £33K to £58K leaving a surplus for 2022 of £2,535.15.

During the year, we received £3,205.14 in Gift Aid for the tax year ending 2021. There was a transfer of £6,500 into the building development fund to provide for future investment and upgrades required in the hall.

Overall, the financial standing of the Scout Group is strong and we will continue to build on this success.

Barry Duffy
Treasurer
1st Dromore Newry Scout Group
23/10/2022



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Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

	31st Aug 22	31st Aug 21	31st Aug 20
<u>INCOME</u>			
Rent	£ -	£ -	£ -
Donations	£ 514.90	£ -	£ 750.00
Monthly Subscriptions Cubs, Scouts, Venturers	£ 13,597.00	£ 12,015.00	£ 13,735.00
Grants	£ 41,889.21	£ 13,216.57	£ 1,266.20
Sponsorship	£ -	£ -	£ -
SELB Grants	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sale of Uniforms	£ 60.00	£ -	£ -
Activity Income			
Scout Activities	£ 2,230.00	£ 1,175.00	£ 87.00
Venturers Activities	£ 1,194.61	£ 770.00	£ 320.00
Cub & Beaver Activities	£ 1,010.00	£ 1,410.00	£ 855.17
Fundraising Income			
Venturer Bag Packs	£ -	£ -	£ 1,530.00
Parent support group Other Income	£ 396.93	£ 763.30	£ 1,217.26
Total Income	£ 60,892.65	£ 29,349.87	£ 19,760.63

EXPENDITURE

	£		£		£	
Summer Camp and Activity Expenses						
Cub & Beaver Activity Costs	£ 4,784.41		£ 5,782.30		£ 853.96	
Scout Camp & Activity Costs	£ 5,456.36		£ 6,821.32		£ 174.45	
Venturer Activity Costs	£ 2,478.27		£ 809.88		£ 664.67	
Equipment	£ 18,483.73		£ 4,815.14		£ 588.38	
Courses & Scouting Ireland Fees						
Leader Courses / First Aid	£ 60.00		£ 80.00		£ 837.30	
Scouting Ireland Fees / Region Fees	£ 6,745.41	49.6%	£ 5,480.40	45.6%	£ 7,588.46	55.2%
Donations / Gifts	£ 353.96		£ 289.70		£ 449.99	
Fundraising Expenses						
Purchase of Uniforms / Badges	£ 1,595.50		£ 2,680.84		£ 328.91	
Utility Costs						
Electricity	£ 328.85		£ 276.41		£ 203.22	
Insurance Payment	£ 1,965.28		£ 1,387.26		£ 1,349.96	
Oil Payments	£ 793.83		£ 508.00		£ 1,028.09	
Broadband and IT	£ 577.63		£ 452.79		£ -	
Water Rates	£ 349.42		£ 539.72		£ 450.60	
Repairs & Maintenance	£ 11,061.09		£ 2,578.75		£ 2,250.74	
Hall Upgrade Costs and fees	£ 2,400.00		£ 400.00		£ 271.38	
Motor Van Expenses	£ 360.20		£ 300.50		£ 828.50	
Sundry Expenses	£ 563.56		£ 655.80		£ 552.63	
Total Expenditure	£ 58,357.50		£ 33,858.81		£ 18,421.24	
Surplus/Deficit for the Year	£ 2,535.15		-£ 4,508.94		£ 1,339.39	

1ST DROMORE SCOUT GROUP

Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

	31st Aug 22	31st Aug 21	31st Aug 20
	£	£	£
Opening Balance as at 1st September	£ 4,806.52	£ 11,333.83	£ 959.07
Surplus /Deficit for the Year Ended 31st August	£ 2,535.15	-£ 4,508.94	£ 1,339.39
Closing Balance as at 31st August	£ 7,341.67	£ 6,824.89	£ 2,298.46
Transfer to AIB NI Development Fund Account	-£ 6,500.00	-£ 8,500.00	-£ 6,500.00
Gift Aid Received in the Year	3,205.14	6,481.63	15,535.37
Closing Balance as at 31st August	£ 4,046.81	£ 4,806.52	£ 11,333.83

ULSTER BANK RECONCILIATION

	31st Aug 22	31st Aug 21	31st Aug 20
	£	£	£
Ulster Bank Statement Balance @ 31st August	£ 4,046.81	£ 2,151.52	£ 11,258.76
Less Unpresented Cheques	£ -		£ -
Add Unrecorded Lodgements	£ -	£ 2,655.00	£ 75.07
Ulster Bank Balance as at 31st August	£ 4,046.81	£ 4,806.52	£ 11,333.83
	0.00	-	-

Date	Details	Withdrawn	Paid in	Balance
31 Aug 2022	BROUGHT FORWARD			4,021.81
	Automated Credit LARKIN B LARKIN - J & O		25.00	<u>4,046.81</u>
1 Sep	Automated Credit GERALDINE DOYLE FOR AARON DOYLE FP 01/09/22 0409 FP044IAE30A5G409B7		15.00	
	Automated Credit O DUILL RUAIRI ODUILL KIDS FP 01/09/22 0255 FP22243046627446		25.00	
	Automated Credit EDEL BRIEN BRIEN FP 01/09/22 0017 00151160632BBRHBT		15.00	
	Automated Credit BARTON R. BARTON FP 01/09/22 0241 10000000988116736		15.00	
	Automated Credit D BOYLE AINE BOYLE FP 01/09/22 0410 FP044IAE30SWJ038B8		15.00	
	Automated Credit QUINN JOHN MR QUINN MISS AGNE FP 01/09/22 0056 FP22243046792957		15.00	
	CARRIED FORWARD			4,146.81

Account Number 00223224 1ST DROMORE SCOUTS NEWRY #1 AC
 Branch sort code 98-11-40

AIB NI DEVELOPMENT FUND A/C's

	31st Aug 22	31st Aug 21	31st Aug 20
	£	£	£
Opening Balance as at 1st September	£ 24,440.68	£ 15,984.23	£ 9,526.69
Donations Transfers from Ulster Bank Main A/c	£ 6,500.00	£ 8,500.00	£ 6,500.00
Development Fund Donations and Expenses	£ 8,160.00	£ -	
Closing Balance as at 31st August	£ 39,100.68	£ 24,484.23	£ 16,026.69
Bank Charges	£ 41.16	£ 43.55	£ 42.46
AIB NI Bank Statement @ 31st August	£ 39,059.52	£ 24,440.68	£ 15,984.23
AIB NI Bank Summary			
Development Fund Account Balance 31st August	40,899.52	24,440.68	15,350.63
Less O/S Cheques	- 1,840.00		
No.4 account (Now Closed & Transferred)			474.99
Venture a/c (Now Closed & Transferred)			158.33
No.3 A/c (Now Closed & Transferred)			0.28
	39,059.52	24,440.68	15,984.23



Business Current Account Statement

Statement of Account with AIB (NI)

Branch
**42-44 HILL STREET, NEWRY
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National Sort Code
 93-83-78

Account name
**1ST DROMORE SCOUT GROUP NEWRY
 CURRENT ACCOUNT**

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Date of previous statement
01 Sep 2022

Date of statement
30 Sep 2022

Period of statement
02 Sep 2022 - 30 Sep 2022

IBAN: GB75 FTBK 9383 7890 7760 50 (BIC: FTBKGB2B)

Date	Details	Debit £	Credit £	Balance £	
1 Sep 2022	BALANCE FORWARD			40899.52	
2 Sep 2022	Interest Rate Lending @ 2.750%			40899.52	Interest rates quoted are per annum The '/' symbol means this item has accrued but has not yet been charged to your account
20 Sep 2022	1ST DROMORE SCOUTS 1ST DROMORE SCOUTS		750.00	41649.52	
22 Sep 2022	New Interest Rate Lending @ 3.250%			41649.52	

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23rd October 2022

Group Leader's Report

2021-22 Scouting Year

Our membership is at present: 22 Beaver Scouts (ages 6-8 years old), 32 Cub Scouts (ages 8-11 years old), 33 Scouts (ages 11-15 years old), 10 Venture Scouts (ages 15-18 years old), 4 Rover Scouts (ages 18-25 years old) and 24 Scouters (voluntary adult leaders).

All age sections in the Scout group started back middle of September 2021 after their summer break.

The Beavers have been having their usual Wednesday night meetings each week, with an average of 18 Beavers in attendance. 15 Beavers attended a Scout County event in Navan Fort which was a great experience for them. Their summer camp was in Ballyhornan Scout Centre on Saturday 18th June 2022 which included a one-night sleepover, first aid training with CPR (delivered by St John's Ambulance), climbing wall, walks along the beach and indoor activity games. This finished the Beavers for their summer break.

The Cubs had their usual meetings on Wednesday nights each week, with an average of 26 cubs attending. The Cubs also attended a Scout County fun day at Benburb, Co. Armagh. Our summer camp this year was in Ballyhornan Scout Centre for three days in June 2022. The venue was an excellent location and we recommend it for any Cub section. The weekend activities were beach walks, climbing wall, first aid training (delivered by St John's Ambulance) which brought cubs up to level 3 in their badge work, water pistol and water balloon fight, movie night and campfire. This finished Cubs for the summer break.

Our Scout section is going well with 30 Scouts at present. Meetings have been taking place on Thursday evenings from 7.30 until 9.30pm each week. The Scouts had a great start to the Scouting year and have been particularly busy since February. They have been in the Mourne's twice in the first few months. We had two teams attend the County Shield competition for two nights in April at Drum Manor Forest Park - a great experience for the young people. In May, the Scouts led a community litter pick in our local area, which was greatly appreciated by the local community and councillors. In June, the Scout section camped at Dromantine to help with their community open day, which included litter picking, putting up gazebos, and handing out leaflets. Their next camp, in June, was to do a litter pick at the vintage car at Kilbroney Forest Park (for which we received a donation of £700). The Scout section of 18 then took off on summer camp to Co. Monaghan for 8 days. We took part in many activities during the week: rock climbing, abseiling, paddle boarding, canoeing, and backwoods. They then took a break for the remainder of the summer.

The Venture section meetings had stopped during exam time but we were still able to have a summer camp. 10 venturers attended camp with three Scouters (adult volunteers). They travelled to



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Killarney on Wednesday and on the Friday, they climbed Corrán Tuathail mountain. The rest of the camp was just having fun and making memories.

I would like to recognise the commitment shown here by parents/guardians of our youth members. With them attending our meetings week after week, the consistency helps the young people and on through their Scouting journey. All I ask from parents/guardians is the monthly voluntary subscription and also to sign up for Gift Aid where possible (for every £1 you give; we can claim an extra 25p from the government). Also, EasyFundraising and AmazonSmile are great, free tools to raise money for the Scout Group - just select us as a charity. This assists our group immensely as we have our Scouting Ireland registration fees, the upkeep/maintenance of our hall, our insurance, etc. We do our best to provide low-cost outdoor activities, such as camps and hikes. Our one-week Scout summer camp cost £100 per child, which is great value, I have to say.

Our plans for our youths' Scout Hall are always, from my standpoint, looking forward. This has been looked after by two of our volunteers who focus on the grants that are available. They have been very successful with small grants last year that were available, such as our green area outside, new tables/chairs, new camping equipment, new storage area, etc. They will continue applying for these in the hope that we receive a capital grant to continue with our renovation plans of the hall.

I would personally like to thank our trustees, Group Assembly, and I would like to personally thank all our Scouters (adult volunteers) for their incredible commitment to the Scouting youth in Newry.

We have a strong Scout Group, a committed team of leaders, and an enthusiastic bunch of young people - a perfect formula for success!



Ronan McGrath
Group Leader
1st Dromore Newry Scout Group
23/10/2022



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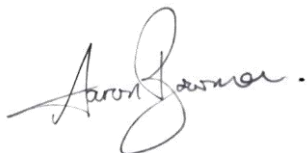
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1st Dromore Newry Scout Group

The accounts for the above group for the year ended 31st August 2022 were presented to me on the 21st October 2022, in my capacity as a Chartered Accountant.

It is the Charity's Trustees who are responsible for the preparation of accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2003.

I have carried out an independent examination of the accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and believe they reflect the group's financial activities during the year ended 31st August 2022 and give no matters for concern under the provisions of the Act.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aaron Bowman', with a small dot at the end.

Aaron Bowman
Chartered Accountant

Date 01/11/2022