

# 11th Belfast St. Colmcilles Scout Group

## Scouting Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106012

### Details

Known as	St.Colmcilles
Status	Received
Registered	2017-08-08
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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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:** Education/training, Sport/recreation, Volunteer development, Youth development

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

### Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£48,401	£54,290	£0	0
2024-08-31	£67,123	£58,551	£0	0

# Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Paul Browne		
Mr Seamus Dawson		
Mrs Anne Martine Fisher		
Ms Brenda O'neill		

**11th Belfast St. Colmcilles Scout Group Scouting Ireland**

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# Accounts

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## 11<sup>th</sup> Belfast Scout Group

### Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Registration, subs etc		16,144
Camps and activities		25,254
Grants and donations		4,269
Other income		<u>2,734</u>
		48,401
<b>Payments</b>		
Registration fees	10,319	
Expenditure on programme, equipment and camps	39,594	
Administration expenses	151	
Hall expenses	1,588	
Minibus expenses	1,976	
Other expenditure	<u>662</u>	
		<u>54,290</u>
<b>Deficit for the year</b>		<u><u>(5,889)</u></u>
<b>Fund balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025</b>		
		<b>Total funds</b>
		<b>£</b>
Opening adjusted fund balances		61,613
Surplus for year		<u>(5,889)</u>
<b>Closing fund balances</b>		<u><u>55,724</u></u>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>Cash in bank and in hand</b>		<u><u>55,724</u></u>



**11<sup>th</sup> Belfast Scout Group**

**Breakdown of fund balances**

**Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

	<b>£</b>
Minibus replacement fund	11,011
Unrestricted funds	<u>44,713</u>
<b>Closing fund balances</b>	<b><u>55,724</u></b>

**Notes:**

**Minibus replacement fund**

Represents donations given to the Scouts and guides for the replacement of the scout minibus.



**11<sup>th</sup> Belfast Group Scouting Ireland**

**Statement of assets and liabilities – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
<b>Assets (Unrestricted funds)</b>		
Vehicles (estimated)	4,400	5,500
Equipment (estimated)	20,000	20,000
Bank balances	55,724	61,613
Cash in hand	0	0
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Total assets	80,124	87,113
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Liabilities (unrestricted funds)	0	0
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Net assets	80,124	87,113
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Approved by the trustees on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

**Paul Browne**  
Trustee

**Seamus Dawson**  
Trustee

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# Accounts

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## 11<sup>th</sup> Belfast Scout Group

### Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Registration, subs etc		16,345
Camps and activities		33,180
Grants		15,006
Other income		<u>2,592</u>
		67,123
<b>Payments</b>		
Registration fees	8,389	
Expenditure on programme, equipment and camps	45,820	
Administration expenses	143	
Hall expenses	1,548	
Minibus expenses	1,896	
Other expenditure	<u>755</u>	
		<u>58,551</u>
<b>Surplus for year</b>		<u><u>8,572</u></u>
<b>Fund balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024</b>		
		<b>Total funds</b>
		<b>£</b>
Opening adjusted fund balances		53,041
Surplus for year		<u>8,572</u>
<b>Closing fund balances</b>		<u><u>61,613</u></u>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>Cash in bank and in hand</b>		<u><u>61,613</u></u>



## **11<sup>th</sup> Belfast Scout Group**

### **Breakdown of fund balances**

#### **Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024**

	<b>£</b>
Minibus replacement fund	10,712
Unrestricted funds	<u>50,901</u>
<b>Closing fund balances</b>	<b><u><u>61,613</u></u></b>

#### **Notes:**

##### **Minibus replacement fund**

Represents donations given to the Scouts and guides for the replacement of the scout minibus.

## Statement of assets and liabilities – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
<b>Assets (Unrestricted funds)</b>		
Vehicles (estimated)	5,500	7,000
Equipment (estimated)	20,000	20,000
Bank balances	61,613	53,041
Cash in hand	0	0
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Total assets	87,113	80,041
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Liabilities (unrestricted funds)	0	0
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Net assets	87,113	80,041
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Approved by the trustees on 26th November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

**Paul Browne**  
Trustee

**Seamus Dawson**  
Trustee

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# Accounts

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## 11<sup>th</sup> Belfast Scout Group

### Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Registration, subs etc		15,307
Camps and activities		27,342
Grants		2,800
Gift aid		6,706
Other income		<u>12,274</u>
		64,429
<b>Payments</b>		
Registration fees	8,140	
Expenditure on programme, equipment and camps	44,595	
Administration expenses	1,547	
Hall expenses	2,035	
Minibus expenses	2,351	
Other expenditure	<u>7,554</u>	
		<u>66,222</u>
<b>Deficit for year</b>		<u><u>(1,793)</u></u>
<b>Fund balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023</b>		
		<b>Total funds</b>
		<b>£</b>
Opening adjusted fund balances		54,834
Deficit for year		<u>(1,793)</u>
<b>Closing fund balances</b>		<u><u>53,041</u></u>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>Cash in bank and in hand</b>		<u><u>53,041</u></u>



## **11<sup>th</sup> Belfast Scout Group**

### **Breakdown of fund balances**

#### **Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023**

	<b>£</b>
Minibus replacement fund	10,377
Unrestricted funds	<u>42,664</u>
<b>Closing fund balances</b>	<b><u><u>53,041</u></u></b>

#### **Notes:**

##### **Minibus replacement fund**

Represents donations given to the Scouts and guides for the replacement of the scout minibus.

## Statement of assets and liabilities – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
<b>Assets (Unrestricted funds)</b>		
Vehicles (estimated)	7,000	9,000
Equipment (estimated)	20,000	20,000
Bank balances	53,041	54,834
Cash in hand	0	0
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Total assets	80,041	83,834
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Liabilities (unrestricted funds)	0	0
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Net assets	80,041	83,834
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Approved by the trustees on 28th November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

**Paul Browne**  
Trustee

**Seamus Dawson**  
Trustee

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# Annual report

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



**This form should be completed and submitted to CCNI as part of your annual return.**

**Please read the notes before completion.**

**Should you need further help contact your Support Officer or The Scout Foundation N.I.**

Please read the notes at the end when filling in this form. When complete the form should be signed and scanned then uploaded up on to the CCNI website when completing your annual report.

1. Charity Name as listed on the Charity Register	11 <sup>th</sup> Belfast Scout Group Scouting Ireland
2. Any other names the charity is known by	
3. Financial year the report is for Eg. 01-Sep-20 to 31-Aug-21	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022-31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023
4. CCNI Charity Registration Number	NIC 106012
5. The address from which the Charity Operates (usually your Scout hall) <i>This should be the address that the charity used when registering unless it has changed.</i>	191 upper Newtownards Road <hr/> Belfast <hr/> BT4 <hr/>
6. The names of all our Trustees at the date this report was approved plus any who stepped down as a trustee during the year	<b>Current Trustees</b> Seamus Dawson <hr/> Martine Fisher <hr/> Paul Browne <hr/> Brenda O'Neill <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <b>Trustees who stepped down</b> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
7. A summary description of the purposes of the charity	

*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.*

**The Charity's purposes are:**

*The advancement of education*

*The advancement of citizenship or community development*

**\*8. 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**

*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.*

**N/A**

**\*9. Include details of any funds held by the charity as a custodian trustee**

*This is mandatory for charities preparing accruals accounts.*

**N/A**

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

The following is a copy of the report made to the Group's AGM in November 2023 by the GSL Paul Browne:

Yet again it is my privilege to set out my annual report as Group Scout Leader, in this instance for the year 2022-23.

The Group has continued to thrive and attract members, young and old. In particular, we have attracted leaders across all 4 sections. In beginning this annual report, I want to take the opportunity to acknowledge the support of the Education Authority, our County Support Officer, Sinclair Trotter and the staff in Scout Foundation NI.

Turning to membership, leadership, programme etc.

**Membership:** Our membership once again was maintained at a very healthy level and we ended the year with 25 Beavers, 36 Cubs, 46 Scouts and 23 Venture Scouts. The Venture section continued to have large numbers with an increase in membership by 3 from the previous year. Once again, the numbers in the Scout Troop continued to be maintained at a high number and as reported in previous years, this poses challenges for the Scout leaders in terms of running troop meetings and logistics in terms of transportation.

**Leadership:** Each section continues to have a cohort of active leaders more than sufficient to deliver the programme for their respective section. We recruited Paula McAlorum and Jenny McAuley to the Cub Pack, Elaine Woodhouse as a Beaver Leader and secured the services of Michael Walsh as an Assistant Venture Scout Leader on his return from time spent in Holland. Jenny McAuley was unable to remain with us and Ronan Cunningham has now taken up employment "Down South", which limits his availability somewhat.

Fiona Devine joined the Group as Group Secretary, following last year's Dinner Dance.

**Programme:** All sections continued to provide an active programme as detailed below:

**The Beavers** climbed Divis, paddled canoes, undertook an overnight at the hall, took part in the County event at the Colin Glen, had a visit from an Australian Joey leader (Australian equivalent of a Beaver Leader), took part in the East Belfast annual Lantern Walk and were represented when the Chief Scout visited the Group. What a busy active year!

**The Cubs** also hiked on Divis mountain, took part in the East Belfast Lantern Parade, participated in the visit from the Chief Scout, held a sixer and seconder overnight camp at the County's centre at Ballyhornan, visited N'Ards airport, stayed for a Pack weekend at Ballyhornan and then held a summer camp in Castlewellan Forest Park.

**The Scouts** continued with the normal pattern of troop activities, including The Penguin Hike, a weekend in Ballyhornan, a PLs weekend, a successful and well attended Easter Camp at Crawfordsburn (39 Scouts in attendance) and a great annual camp at Zellhof, Austria, with 31 scouts attending. The Scouts visited the Salt Mines, the longest mountain toboggan run in Europe, swam in the local lakes, cycled, met with foreign scouts, visited Berchtesgaden, and experienced a full-blown Alpine storm which resulted in an emergency evacuation of the tents in the very early hours! The Troop won the County Quiz and the Columbanus shield for the 23<sup>rd</sup> time thus qualifying to take part in the Phoenix Competition in Larch Hill, Dublin, attaining a creditable silver place.

**The Venture Scouts**, in addition to their regular Sunday night meetings, volunteered with "Haven", a homeless charity, went for a weekend at Ballyhornan, took part in the County 10 pin bowling event, cycled to Comber, visited Clip N Climb, undertook a first aid course and held a post exam mini-camp at Crawfordsburn. The Summer Expedition was to the Netherlands, based at Scout Centrum Buitenzorg outside Amsterdam and was attended by 18 Venture Scouts, two leaders and two Rover Scouts. The programme included a visit to the Walibi Holland Theme Park, Kayaked around Amsterdam and visited the delights Amsterdam had to offer!

**Equipment, Hall and Minibus:** Once again, there was no significant purchase of equipment, hall development or work undertaken to the minibus.

**Conclusion:** As in previous years, I am satisfied that we continue to operate the Group in a proper and scout like fashion. We are conscious of our responsibilities towards the young people in our care, to our leader team and to the association we are proud to be a constituent part of, namely Scouting Ireland. We try to play our part in paying our fees on time, attending meetings and ensuring that our members benefit from active Scouting activities. We continue to set ourselves targets in order to maintain and improve our performance across all aspects of our programmes and activities and in this I feel we succeed.

**Paul Browne**

**Group Scout Leader**

**Leadership Team**

**Paul Browne G.S. L**

**Brenda O'Neill Deputy G.S.L**

**Catherine Cox Asst. G.S.L**

**Beaver leaders**

**Cub Leaders**

**Scout Leaders**

**Venture Leaders**

**Feena Regan**

**David Campbell**

**Niall Browne**

**Tim Cunningham**

**Emma Fisher**

**Stephen Smith**

**Peter Lavery**

**Michael Walsh**

**Nicola McConnell**

**Conal McNamara**

**Ronan Cunningham**

**Caitriona Mallaghan**

**Catherine Cox**

**Robin Dane**

**Claire Gilmore**

**Stephen Ward**

**Shea Murphy**

**Elaine Woodhouse**

**Olivia Dawson**

**Brendan Browne**

**Paul McAlorum**

**Jenny McAuley\***

**Resigned August 2023\***

**Group Council**

**Chair: Martine Fisher**

**Secretary: Fiona Devine**

**Treasurer: Seamus Dawson**

**Co-opted members: Fiona Nugent and Philip Roddy**

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

A review of the charity's financial position at the end of the year:

In the financial year 2022 to 2023 the Charity had an income of £64,429 and an expenditure of £66,222.

**12. 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.*

**13. 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.*

**14. A statement that the Trustees have had regard to the CCNIs guidance on Public Benefit.**

*We the Trustees of 11<sup>th</sup> Belfast 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.*

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

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2023**

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

**Trustee 1: Martine Fisher**

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Trustee 2: Paul Browne**

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

## NOTES FOR COMPLETION OF THE TEMPLATE INCLUDE:

1. Enter the name of your Charity here as it is listed on the Charity Commission NI register. E.g. 29th Derry, Garvagh, Scouting Ireland
2. Enter any other names your charity is known as.
3. This would normally be the Scout Year i.e. 1st September to 31st August
4. Enter your Charity Commission NI Registration Number here. If you have forgotten it you can find it out online at <http://www.charitycommissionni.org.uk/charity-search/> or by contacting Scout Foundation NI.
5. Enter the address that you gave CCNI for your Group. This should be the address of where you meet.
6. List the names of Trustees (Group Council Members) that held the position of trustee at the date this report was approved by your Group Council. Also list separately any Trustees that stepped down during the year.
7. This section is pre-filled in for you using an answer previously agreed with CCNI.
8. N/A
9. N/A
10. In this section list the main activities carried out by your Group (Charity) in the last year. Items could include a summary of: The number/type of camps, hikes and outings; environmental projects; cross community work/projects; joint work/projects with other organisations, list efforts to recruit new members, adult and young people, etc. This work is carried out by how many volunteers in your Group.

List the achievements of the Group e.g. the number and type of badges awarded e.g. Special Interest or Adventure skills; the number of Chief Scout Awards; the number of An Gaisce or Duke of Edinburgh Awards; the number of Explorer Belts; any adult awards awarded during the year; have you or people in your Group won any awards as a result of the work the Group undertakes.

Have you refurbished your Scout Hall or built a new one?

How have these activities helped young people? You could mention engagement, participation, teamwork and leadership skills, planning skills, a place to go, a sense of achievement and confidence, a sense of challenge, etc.?

Finally, how do you ensure that you are open to all young people?

11. Tell CCNI how the Group is doing financially - include your income and expenditure figures for the reporting year. These should be the same amounts as in your accounts. Tell them about any fundraising that you undertook or grants received. Also list any debts that the Group has and how the Trustees plan to get rid of them.
12. This section is pre-filled in for you using an answer previously agreed with CCNI.
13. This section is pre-filled in for you using an answer previously agreed with CCNI.
14. Enter the name of your Charity here as it is listed on the Charity Commission NI register and the date the report was approved by the Group Council.
15. Enter the date that this report was approved by the Group Council.
16. Two trustees must sign the form.

You can use another format for your Annual Report e.g. your own Groups annual report, but all questions listed here MUST be answered including those marked \* that do not apply to SI Groups.

**11th Belfast St. Colmcilles Scout Group Scouting Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106012

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# Annual return

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## **INDEPENDENT REPORT**

**I have examined the accounts for the 11<sup>th</sup> Belfast Scout Group and believe them to be an accurate reflection of the finances of the 11<sup>th</sup> Belfast Scout Group.**

**I have no other observations to make and can advise that in accordance with the rules of Scouting Ireland, a copy of these accounts have been forwarded to Scouting Ireland's head office at Larch Hill, Dublin 16.**

**Signed: Liam Byrne**

**Down and Connor Scout County Treasurer**

**Date: 09.12.23**

**11th Belfast St. Colmcilles Scout Group Scouting Ireland**

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# Accounts

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## 11<sup>th</sup> Belfast Scout Group

### Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Registration, subs etc		15,106
Camps and activities		23,139
Grants		3,614
Other income		<u>3,293</u>
		45,152
<b>Payments</b>		
Registration fees	8,249	
Expenditure on programme, equipment and camps	36,924	
Administration expenses	1,445	
Hall expenses	3,392	
Minibus expenses	1,777	
		<u>51,787</u>
<b>Surplus for year</b>		<u><b>(6,635)</b></u>
<b>Fund balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022</b>		
		<b>Total funds</b>
		<b>£</b>
Opening adjusted fund balances		61,469
Surplus for year		<u>(6,635)</u>
<b>Closing fund balances</b>		<u><b>54,834</b></u>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>Cash in bank and in hand</b>		<u><b>54,834</b></u>



## **11<sup>th</sup> Belfast Scout Group**

### **Breakdown of fund balances**

#### **Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022**

	<b>£</b>
Minibus replacement fund	10,197
Unrestricted funds	<u>44,637</u>
<b>Closing fund balances</b>	<b><u>54,834</u></b>

#### **Notes:**

##### **Minibus replacement fund**

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**11th Belfast St. Colmcilles Scout Group Scouting Ireland**

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# Annual report

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ANNUAL REPORT CHARITY COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**



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**N/A**

**\*9. Include details of any funds held by the charity as a custodian trustee**

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**N/A**

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

The following is a copy of the report made to the Group's AGM in November 2022 by the GSL Paul Browne:

Once again it is a privilege to set out my annual report as Group Scout Leader, in this instance for the year 2021-22, a year when the Group emerged defiantly from the restrictions imposed by the Covid 19 pandemic.

The Group continued to be supported by the Education Authority and the Scout Foundation, Northern Ireland. From the outset, I would take this opportunity to acknowledge this valuable support.

Now I will turn to membership, leadership, programme etc.

**Membership:** Our membership once again was maintained at a very healthy level and we ended the year with 25 Beavers, 36 Cubs, 45 Scouts and 20 Venture Scouts. The Venture section saw a significant increase in numbers. The numbers in the Scout Troop have also continued to rise year on year and this continues to pose challenges for the Scout leaders in terms of running troop meetings and logistics in terms of transportation.

**Leadership:** Each section continues to have a cohort of active leaders more than sufficient to deliver the programme for their respective section. However, Sinead Lavery and Niamh Dawson stood down as Assistant Venture leaders and Emma Hart, Sarah Rodgers and Damian McClory left us from their roles as Assistant Cub Leaders and Beaver Leader respectively. We benefitted from the assistance afforded by Matthew Dawson who returned for a year in a break from his travels and recruited Shea Murphy as an Assistant Scout Leader.

**Programme:** The level of programme delivered across all sections benefited from the lifting of Covid restrictions. We resumed our normal routine of weekly meetings and camps.

**The Beavers** undertook the Environment badge, learning about recycling. They made lanterns from recycled materials, and participated in the East Side Arts Lantern Parade. They also completed the Air badge and enjoyed a visit from "Let's Go Fly a Kite". Undertaking the Backwoods badge, they learnt how to make shelters and demonstrated this on a trip to Killynether Woods outside N'Ards. They made a trip to The Larder and then undertook a sponsored hike, raising almost £120 for the foodbank. Finally in conjunction with the Connswater Community Greenway Group, they assisted with a litter pick at The Hollow. What a busy active year!

**The Cubs** orienteered at Orangefield park, hiked the Cave hill, planted trees in the Belfast Hills, climbed Slemish, and visited Bangor Lifeboat station. In addition, their weekly programmes covered First Aid, Fire Safety, Hillwalking, Backwoods Cooking, Knots, Pioneering, Disability Awareness and Shelter Building. They also held a weekend camp in Ballyhornan and a Summer camp at the Share Centre in Enniskillen.

**The Scouts** resumed the normal pattern of troop activities, including The Penguin Hike, a weekend in Ballyhornan, a PLs weekend, a successful and well attended Easter Camp at Crawfordsburn and a great, sunny camp at Petersburg Outdoor Education Centre in Galway with the customary overnight trip to the Arran islands. The seniors scouts also had an outdoor activity during the year at Delamont which included a basic course in canoeing. To finish the year, the troop entered the Phoenix Scoutcraft Competition at Pallashenry, Co. Limerick, and achieved a creditable Silver Standard.

**The Venture Scouts** went "Go-Karting" at Eddie Irvines, held a weekend at the Ballyhornan Scout Centre, a caving experience at Belfast Activity Centre, cycled to Comber, climbed the Cave hill, undertook a Self Defence Course and "Bivied" at Crawfordsburn. The highlight of the year was the Annual Expedition which this year was to Kandersteg, the International Scout Centre in Switzerland. 17 venture scouts and 3 leaders took part and experienced high-octane activities including, Mountain Tubing, the Dolderhorn Overnight Hike, the Oeschinensee Lake Hike and the Adelboden Trottie Bikes! What an expedition, planned and executed by the Ventures themselves!

**Group "Big Day Out"** In addition to all the above, the Group held a "Big Day Out" at Crawfordsburn which was attended by every leader and all but one youth member. It was an enormous success and very well supported by parents.

**Equipment, Hall and Minibus:** There was no significant purchase of equipment, hall development or work undertaken to the minibus.

**Conclusion:** I am satisfied that we continue to operate the Group in a proper and scout like fashion. We are conscious of our responsibilities towards the young people in our care, to our leader team and to the association we are proud to be a constituent part of, namely Scouting Ireland. We play our part in paying our fees on time, attending meetings and ensuring that our members benefit from active Scouting activities. We continue to set ourselves targets in order to maintain and improve our performance across all aspects of our programmes and activities.

**Paul Browne**

**Group Scout Leader**

**Leadership Team**

**Paul Browne G.S. L**

**Brenda O'Neill Deputy G.S.L**

**Catherine Cox Asst. G.S.L**

**Beaver leaders**

**Cub Leaders**

**Scout Leaders**

**Venture Leaders**

**Feena Regan**

**David Campbell**

**Niall Browne**

**Tim Cunningham**

**Emma Fisher**

**Stephen Smith**

**Peter Lavery**

**Sinead Lavery\***

**Nicola McConnell**

**Conal McNamara**

**Ronan Cunningham**

**Niamh Dawson\***

**Caitriona Mallaghan**

**Catherine Cox**

**Robin Dane**

**Claire Gilmore**

**Stephen Ward**

**Michael Walsh\***

**Damian McClory\***

**Emma Hart\***

**Shea Murphy**

**Sarah Rodgers\***

**Olivia Dawson**

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

A review of the charity's financial position at the end of the year:

In the financial 2021 to 2022 the Charity had an income of ££45,152 and an expenditure of £51787.

**12. 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.*

**13. 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.*

**14. A statement that the Trustees have had regard to the CCNIs guidance on Public Benefit.**

*We the Trustees of 11<sup>th</sup> Belfast 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.*

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

**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> march 2023**

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

**Trustee 1: Martine Fisher**

**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

**Trustee 2: Paul Browne**

**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

## NOTES FOR COMPLETION OF THE TEMPLATE INCLUDE:

1. Enter the name of your Charity here as it is listed on the Charity Commission NI register. E.g. 29th Derry, Garvagh, Scouting Ireland
2. Enter any other names your charity is known as.
3. This would normally be the Scout Year i.e. 1st September to 31st August
4. Enter your Charity Commission NI Registration Number here. If you have forgotten it you can find it out online at <http://www.charitycommissionni.org.uk/charity-search/> or by contacting Scout Foundation NI.
5. Enter the address that you gave CCNI for your Group. This should be the address of where you meet.
6. List the names of Trustees (Group Council Members) that held the position of trustee at the date this report was approved by your Group Council. Also list separately any Trustees that stepped down during the year.
7. This section is pre-filled in for you using an answer previously agreed with CCNI.
8. N/A
9. N/A
10. In this section list the main activities carried out by your Group (Charity) in the last year. Items could include a summary of: The number/type of camps, hikes and outings; environmental projects; cross community work/projects; joint work/projects with other organisations, list efforts to recruit new members, adult and young people, etc. This work is carried out by how many volunteers in your Group.

List the achievements of the Group e.g. the number and type of badges awarded e.g. Special Interest or Adventure skills; the number of Chief Scout Awards; the number of An Gaisce or Duke of Edinburgh Awards; the number of Explorer Belts; any adult awards awarded during the year; have you or people in your Group won any awards as a result of the work the Group undertakes.

Have you refurbished your Scout Hall or built a new one?

How have these activities helped young people? You could mention engagement, participation, teamwork and leadership skills, planning skills, a place to go, a sense of achievement and confidence, a sense of challenge, etc.?

Finally, how do you ensure that you are open to all young people?

11. Tell CCNI how the Group is doing financially - include your income and expenditure figures for the reporting year. These should be the same amounts as in your accounts. Tell them about any fundraising that you undertook or grants received. Also list any debts that the Group has and how the Trustees plan to get rid of them.
12. This section is pre-filled in for you using an answer previously agreed with CCNI.
13. This section is pre-filled in for you using an answer previously agreed with CCNI.
14. Enter the name of your Charity here as it is listed on the Charity Commission NI register and the date the report was approved by the Group Council.
15. Enter the date that this report was approved by the Group Council.
16. Two trustees must sign the form.

You can use another format for your Annual Report e.g. your own Groups annual report, but all questions listed here MUST be answered including those marked \* that do not apply to SI Groups.

**11th Belfast St. Colmcilles Scout Group Scouting Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106012

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# Annual return

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## **INDEPENDENT REPORT**

**I have examined the accounts for the 11<sup>th</sup> Belfast Scout Group and believe them to be an accurate reflection of the finances of the 11<sup>th</sup> Belfast Scout Group.**

**I have no other observations to make and can advise that in accordance with the rules of Scouting Ireland, a copy of these accounts have been forwarded to Scouting Ireland's head office at Larch Hill, Dublin 16.**

**Signed: Liam Byrne**

**Down and Connor Scout County Treasurer**

**Date: 12.12.22**