



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 note at the end before completing.

Should you need further help contact your support officer or Scout foundation Northern Ireland.

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	7 th Antrim Whiteabbey 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	NIC106213
4. The address from which the Charity Operates (usually your Scout hall)	463 Shore Road, Whiteabbey, Newtownabbey, BT370AE
5. The names of all our Trustees at the date of this report plus any who stepped down as a trustee during the year	<p>Current Trustees Ciaran McAuley Michael O'Hara Kate Weir Francis Lennon</p> <p>Trustees who stepped down</p>
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>	

The Charity's purposes are:

The advancement of education

The advancement of citizenship or community development

***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**

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

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

This is mandatory for charities preparing accruals accounts.

N/A

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

The group continued to work on a programme of adventure skills during the year including backwoods, hillwalking, first aid, pioneering and camping. In addition to group activities, the venture section took part in a number of activities at a County level.

In July 2023 the venture section participated in its first international camp with a week-long visit to Deflt in the Netherlands. Other camps were held in Ballyhornan, Watertop Farm in Ballycastle and in the field at the Den.

Both volunteer and child membership increased in the year.

10. How is the Group doing financially?

Group income increased significantly in the year after a temporary drop in membership and activities during the Covid pandemic and the year immediately following it. The group lost a significant number of volunteer leaders during 2020/21 and was therefore limited in the number of children it could enrol. New volunteers came on board during the year and allowed the group to grow. This resulted in a growth in income and a reduction in the level of deficit.

The net deficit for the year is £1,225 leaving total reserves of £6,756.

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. Safeguarding is a standing item on the Group Council agenda.

All volunteers are required to undertake Safeguarding training every three years and renew their Access NI every three years.

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 7th Antrim, Whiteabbey Scout Group, Scouting Ireland can confirm that in setting our objectives and planning for the year that we have considered 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: 26th November 2023

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

Trustee 1: Kate Weir Date 26th November 2023

Trustee 2: Ciaran McAuley Date 26th November 2023